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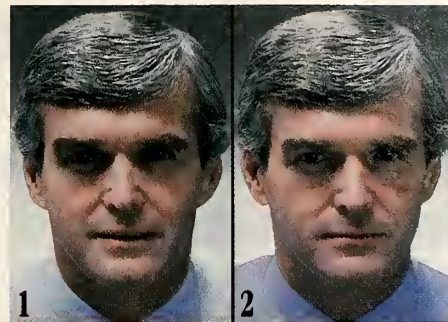
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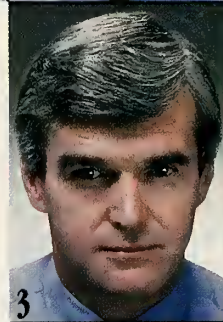
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*Robert W. Ceder
Sheboygan Falls, Wis.*

A Free Austria

Dr. Robert E. Hunter's August article about Austria was so exact. Austria was treated as a liberated, free independent country after World War II, and after 10 years of four-power occupation (Amer-

ican, English, French, Russian) was totally free in 1955. It brought back many memories of those gallant and courageous people. I am sure they will give an account of themselves if the time arises.

*Joseph Pelland Jr.
Milwaukee, Wis.*

Wrong Name

The August issue contained an excellent article on the Berlin Wall. Unfortunately, the name of President Kennedy's military aide in the White House was misspelled. It should have read: Gen. Chester V. Clifton.

*John F. Reynolds
Westerly, R.I.*

No Bed For A Vet

For answering the call and losing time in business and school; for being away from loved ones; for putting their

necks on the line while the objectors, deferred job-holders, defectors, card-burners, jailbirds and the hastily married were all safe and sound, wartime veterans should get priority treatment at every VA hospital.

*W.F. Evans
Duluth, Ga.*

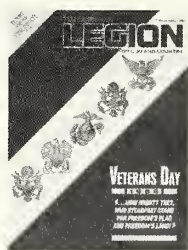
I considered it not only my duty, but also an honor and privilege to have fought for my country during its time of need during World War II. For these reasons, I do not think that veterans have any more rights than the rest of our citizens.

*James E. Ellis II
Wilson, N.C.*

There is a saying that applies here: "Slow me down, Lord, I am going too fast; I can't see my brother when he's walking past. I miss a lot of good things day by day; I don't know a blessing when it comes my way."

*John F. Stitt Jr.
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Catch The Spirit



Every year, thousands of Legionnaires from nearly every corner of the globe assemble at a selected site to determine for the following year the course of action of this nation's largest and fastest growing veterans' organization. — The American Legion.

This annual pilgrimage results in a renaissance of The American Legion's founding principles—a rejuvenation of the fundamental truths crafted by the determined men whose spirited beliefs united them in a common cause. Those beliefs permeated the minds of our founders at the St. Louis Caucus in May 1919, and were made manifest by the words of Illinois delegate John P. Cummings: "The first thing we are to do today is to get a great spirit, men, a great spirit that we can carry back to our several states... a great spirit that 5 million men are going to be organized with the same spirit of love and loyalty and devotion and sacrifice and democracy that characterized their lives on the battlefield, and they will never rest until they make this whole world bloom in love, democracy, peace, prosperity, and equality and

brotherhood to all mankind. That is what we are going to do and that is what this assembly means today."

That firmness of purpose has weathered the crucible of time and emerged in this year's watchword: Catch the Spirit.

The test of any organization is the strength and continuity of its convictions. Seven decades of nurturing the spirit, of keeping the fires of this legion of volunteers burning with the same fervor imbued in its founders, has kept the highest faith with our founders' hopes and dreams. And it has met the entreaty of our brothers in arms who paid life's greatest sacrifice: "To you from failing hands we throw the Torch—be yours to hold it high."

What our founders sought in 1919, we seek today: the spirited melding of nearly 3 million disparate voices into one cohesive expression of unity, the fruits of which will ensure the maintenance of veterans' rights and benefits and entice eligible non-veterans to join this premier group of blue cap Legionnaires.

Our founders created a great spirit that has carried this organization forward for 67 years. For those of us who follow in their footsteps, our task is simple: It's our turn to carry the Torch; it's our turn to Catch the Spirit.

The Editors

Beware Inner Rot

Regarding Drugs in School (August). I brought up five children in the horrible 60s and 70s. They were lucky they had a parent who loved them and could afford to get them back on the track. Bennett is absolutely right in stressing the importance of the role of the family. Our idiotic social experts who stress freedom, the affluent society that has pampered our children instead of disciplining them, the "freedoms" that have down-graded and often destroyed families, the courts that let drug peddlers free with only a slap on the wrist, are destroying America. We had better wake up before our inner rot wins the "battle" for the Soviets.

*John K. Evans
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Veterans Day 1986: Facing A Tyranny Of Broken Promises

IT IS ironic that on this Veterans Day, The American Legion, and indeed, all American veterans, stand at a critical juncture on the long, bitter road we've traveled in the quest to establish and preserve the most enlightened system of earned benefits ever bestowed by a grateful nation on its defenders.

Today, as never before, promises made to the men and women who bore arms in defense of America are being broken; broken on the hard ground of budget decisions made with no eye to the human cost; broken on the backs, in most cases, of the oldest, the poorest and the sickest of our fellow veterans. And nowhere is this more apparent than in veterans' health care.

These broken promises are nothing less than a tyranny visited on those most in need of the nation's protection—our older veterans. It's the tyranny of an old age spent in poverty and disease; the tyranny of broken promises that yank the safety net from once-healthy men and women who served this nation in time of war, and whose only crime is to have grown old or poor—or both; and it's the tyranny that takes its boldest form in the VA's process of recovering costs from veterans who, it says, can afford other means of medical care: *the means test*.

Inexorably, the budget reductions and the means test exclude more and more veterans from the very system set up to protect them from the ravages of old age, poverty and illness. The two are linked, not only in the language that obscures the intent of Congress, but also in the fundamental provisions for care on the basis of space available. That is the crux of the matter.

We have argued that veterans who can afford health care are but a small percentage of elderly patients who seek VA health care. We also maintain that requiring those veterans to pay their



Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean

own way is not the real problem. Rather, the problem centers on the confusing and intimidating effect of the means test and its paperwork and interviews. How many of our sick and elderly patients are deterred from seeking the care to which they are entitled? Their illnesses are not going to go away, which means they will turn to state or locally funded hospitals, or worse, seek no care at all.

When arguments about the means test first arose, we said that less than 3 percent of the elderly veterans could afford treatment elsewhere. Now, an analysis by the VA shows that 2.3 percent of those who seek VA health care have other options. With only 10 percent of this country's eligible veterans using the VA system today, currently 37,000 are turned away each month. Why? Because of the loss in the past five years of 4,900 acute-care beds, with further reductions of 2,700 *proposed* for 1987. The beds aren't removed; people to care for veterans who might occupy the beds are, because the VA budget is being cut. And on that hangs the dilemma: When

budget-cutters see those empty beds at our VA hospitals, they want to cut more people 'since the beds aren't occupied, anyway.' It's a vicious cycle, and so long as the law provides for care on a space-available basis, all the space in the world means nothing without the money to pay for those who provide the care.

Currently, the regulations describing implementation of the means test say the VA "may" care for non-service-connected disabled veterans on a space-available basis. The American Legion believes the intent of Congress, through P.L. 99-272, is that the VA "shall" provide such care. And we mean to take every appropriate step to see that language clarified. The resolution of that disagreement is only the beginning, for the battle will really be joined over the budget, to ensure there is enough money available to serve the space that is available.

Our best defense is to prove that there are veterans eligible for care who are turned away because no properly staffed bed is available. We can do that.

How? By scrutinizing VA screening procedures. Means testing by itself is more a symptom of the disease afflicting the VA than the disease itself. The disease is, by design, a steady erosion of VA facilities and services. We need to know when veterans are turned away because there are too few beds, or too few professionals to care for them.

When we dump a stack of bitter, real-life case studies on the desks of Congress, perhaps then the situation will change. Perhaps then, the specter of our most needy veterans being cast into the welfare wards of a thousand indifferent institutions will be eliminated.

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Curbing Political Campaigns

There's a move on in the nation's capital to curb the amount of time and money politicians spend on the campaign trail.

"Campaigns last too long and cost too much," said Sen. George J. Mitchell of Maine, who has authored a bill he said will give voters a fair chance to select candidates who will be more responsive to their needs. Mitchell's bill would impose restraints on campaign spending by providing for limited public financing, offering matching funds for contributions up to \$100.

Political Action Committees, better known as PACs, which totaled more than 600 a decade ago, now number over 4,000. Mitchell said that a 1985 study found fewer than 2 percent of the public contributes to political causes and that smaller contributions play less of a role in campaign budgets. Contributions of less than \$100 made up 38 percent of the typical campaign budget for Senate candidates in 1974—a rate that has fallen by more than half.

Mitchell said that citizens are giving less because they feel that when candidates depend on PACs for their election, they become less responsive to the concerns of unorganized voters. "What are people to think when candidates spend \$6 million to run for a position that pays \$75,000 a year?" the senator asked.

5 Billion People On Earth

Earth's five-billionth inhabitant is but a mere infant, and it's likely the child will grow up in the throes of poverty, hunger and disease, the World Population Institute reported.

The planet's population reached the 5 billion mark sometime last summer and will nearly double that amount in 35 years, said institute president Werner Fornos, who added that nine of every 10 babies are born in the Third World.

The institute reported that the world's population expands by one million people every four or five days—a whopping 85 million each year. Since 1951, global population has grown by 2 billion.

Our Unsteady Readiness

Remember the ill-fated rescue attempt of Americans held hostage in Iran six years ago? American forces are no better prepared to deal with such missions today, said Sen. William Cohen of Maine, and a bill has been introduced in the Senate that would change that situation.

Cohen has introduced legislation to create a unified special forces headed by a four-star general with direct access to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council. Cohen and supporters of the bill said that similar forces operating in Great Britain and Israel have been successful.

Cohen predicted that the threat of terrorist acts against Americans, and other forms of low-intensity conflict with guerrillas, will worsen and that the United States is not prepared to deal with those potential situations. The senator said an estimated 40 countries were involved in conflicts and that there are currently nine active insurgencies in the Western Hemisphere—discounting the problems created by drug-trafficking.

The United States has taken few steps to prevent the debacle that occurred in Iran, when several airmen were killed while trying to rescue hostages, according to Cohen, who said the "special forces we now have are a flawed organization at the mercy of inter-service rivalries" and lack adequate funding. (See related story, p.18)

NASA's Stellar Achievements

First there was the Challenger tragedy. On its heels came the Delta fiasco. Despite those setbacks, NASA will bounce back stronger than ever and contribute in a number of ways to American society, predicted Sen. Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

"The benefits our country receives from the space program make it especially important to continue our exploration into outer space," Pressler said.

NASA has patented 4,000 aerospace inventions, most of which are available for licensing for commercial development. In addition, such inventions have led to 30,000 secondary applications of space technology in the nearly three decades since NASA has been around.

Pressler recently told his colleagues on Capitol Hill that space inventions and innovations can be found in a variety of fields such as public safety, construction, energy development, computing and medicine. For example, a coating developed to resist salt corrosion and protect launch structures from searing temperatures is now used to protect bridges and other structures from wear and tear.

Dangers Of Deforestation

A group of congressmen has denied that it's barking up the wrong tree when it comes to protecting tropical forests and wildlife in developing nations receiving aid from the United States.

Every year, an area the size of Pennsylvania is deforested and indiscriminately stripped of its greenery and several forms of animal life, said Rep. Gus Yatron of Pennsylvania. Yatron said that tropical forests are an essential source of food, medicines and other basic necessities for millions. Those areas also help maintain soil quality, limit soil erosion and preserve climate stability.

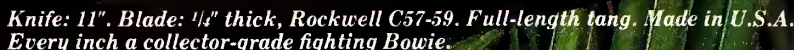
"The terrible effect of deforestation is demonstrated by the horrors of the famine across Africa," said Yatron, who has introduced a bill that would require U.S. agencies operating in developing countries to preserve biological diversity in those nations. Scientists have estimated that if the current trend of deforestation continues, about 2 million distinct life forms may vanish by the end of the century.

Quote Of The Month

"I think it was Lenin who said: 'We don't need a communist newspaper in the United States because no one will read it. What we want is to get the papers in the United States to write what we would say if we had a paper.' And they are doing a hell of a job with that."

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Should Presidents Be Allowed To Run For A Third Term?

Rep. Guy Vander Jagt, R-Mich.

The debate over repeal of the 22nd Amendment, which limits a President to two terms, really centers around the key question: Do American voters have the right to decide how long a President should serve?

YES



Because public interest in repealing this amendment has spread like a prairie fire, I have introduced a constitutional amendment that would clear the way for our current President and future Presidents to run for third terms. It also would allow the people to decide when it is time for a President to leave office.

Many Americans believe that President Ronald Reagan is one of the greatest Presidents in American history and the people ought to have an opportunity to vote for continuing his leadership.

Even Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill recently told the President, "Mr. President, you are the most incredibly popular political leader I have witnessed in 50 years of politics."

Since we launched a petition drive to repeal the 22nd Amendment, we have received thousands of petitions, hundreds of phone calls requesting more petitions, and enthusiasm and support that went beyond our wildest dreams.

The 22nd Amendment repeal movement has taken on a life of its own.

Certainly, good policy and good government is on our side. Arguing against the adoption of the 22nd Amendment in 1947, Rep. John William McCormack of Massachusetts, who served as Speaker of the House, said, "This amendment is a limitation upon the people... it is a limitation upon the action of the people of the future." McCormack was right then; his words are right today.

One major question remains: Will the majority of House members respond appropriately to the groundswell of public opinion favoring such a constitutional amendment?

There is plenty of time to get this constitutional amendment adopted before the 1988 election. Nine of the 16—more than half of the constitutional amendments adopted since the Bill of Rights—have made it through in less than one calendar year. ☐

Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan.



NO

Few Presidents relished exercising the office more than Teddy Roosevelt. While nearly single-handedly affecting America's emergence as a world power from his "bully pulpit," Roosevelt nonetheless believed the President's tenure should be limited. He observed: "There inheres in the Presidency more power than in any other office... [and] it can only be saved from abuse... provided the holder does not keep it for more than a certain, definite time, and then returns to the people from whom he sprang."

Roosevelt was not, of course, the first to honor the tradition established by Washington and Jefferson, nor the first to espouse the wisdom of limits on presidential service. It had been debated throughout our history by the framers of the Constitution, many state legislatures during ratification of the Constitution, and by Congress until some 150 years later when the 22nd Amendment was adopted.

Now the issue has been resurrected, wrapped in the mantle of a very popular President. We should examine the merits of repealing the amendment, instead of using it as a partisan fund-raising gimmick, and do so on a long-range perspective, not in the narrow context of one election and one popular leader.

The framers of the Constitution established legal and traditional limits to ensure our government would never fall prey to the tyranny of one person ruling above the law. In the Bill of Rights, the framers recognized the potential dangers of majority rule, restraining it to protect the rights of the minority from the excesses of a regime entrenched by the unlimited tenure of one chief executive repeatedly re-elected. The Constitution established a representative democracy to be a government beholden to law, not to individuals, and in which all citizens, especially those in the highest public office, stand equal before it and subject to its judgment.

Those urging repeal as a fund-raising gimmick would do well to heed the advice of Roosevelt or Coolidge who, in cautioning against extending the presidential term, wrote that

limits "avoid the malady of self-delusion... [and] the artificial atmosphere of adulation and exultation, which sooner or later impairs... judgment." ☐

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JENSEN BEACH SWEEPS LEGION SERIES

Hurler Joe Grahe pitches and hits his way to Player-of-the-Year honors as his Florida team wins the 1986 Legion Baseball Championship.

By Carl Lundquist

JOE GRAHE fanned 13 batters and drove in the game-winning run to lead Jensen Beach, Fla., to an 8-2 victory over Las Vegas in the 1986 American Legion World Series championship, Sept. 1, at Rapid City, S.D.

Jensen Beach pounded out 15 hits in the game to capture the title and complete a five-game sweep of the series, a feat that hadn't been accomplished since 1978 when another Florida team won the Legion pennant. Grahe was selected unanimously as The American Legion Baseball Player of the Year.

The Jensen Beach/Las Vegas game on Labor Day was the finale of a five-day, double-elimination tournament. The Florida team earlier edged Las Vegas 4-3 in its only closely contested game of the series.

Among its easy victories was a 9-2 triumph over New London, Conn.—a game in which Grahe struck out 18 batters, narrowly missing the World Series record of 19. The Floridians also chalked up wins over Maynard, Ohio, and El Segundo, Calif.

Instrumental in Jensen Beach's series sweep was the team's professional attitude instilled by manager Bob Shaw, a former major league pitcher who had an 11-year career with the Chicago White Sox. The team's workouts were strictly business with no idle time. It even brought its pitching machine to the tournament to save wear and tear on pitchers' arms.

Carl Lundquist, an award-winning sports reporter/editor, has served on The American Legion World Series Selection Committee since 1979.

As he accepted the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership award presented each year to the winning manager, an emotional Shaw said, "I never had an experience to equal this. The boys played beyond my expectations and I couldn't top this day with anything that ever happened to me in the majors. This program is big league all the way."

Grahe's prowess on the mound also earned him the Bob Feller Award by compiling the most strike outs—42—in post-season play. The award is named for the Cleveland Indians fireball hurler who got his start on American Legion ball diamonds in Iowa. Grahe, who will

attend Miami University on an athletic scholarship, also won a \$2,000 scholarship from Gatorade.

Las Vegas outfielder Tom Griffin, considered by many observers to be the runner-up to Grahe as MVP, received the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award.

Griffin's teammate, Dan Opperman, shared the Irwin Cowger Award with New London's Mike Tonucci for the most RBIs—19. Opperman also won the Rawlings Big Stick Award for 44 total bases in post-season play.

Mitch Hannahs of Maynard, Ohio, was awarded the Louisville Slugger Trophy for the highest batting average during national competition. Hannahs went .486 at the plate.

FINAL standings were: Jensen Beach, 5-0; Las Vegas, 3-2; Maynard, 2-2; El Segundo, 2-2; New London, 1-2; Boyertown, 1-2; Lake Charles, 0-2, and Cedar Rapids, 0-2.

Noting that nearly half of the current Major League players participated in American Legion Baseball, Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean said, "American Legion baseball is more than just a display of athletic talent. The inherent value of this fine program is that it provides educational opportunities and builds character. Every one of these young men is a champion." □

"MR. BASEBALL'S" LAST AT-BAT

WHEN the curtain lowered on the 1986 American Legion Baseball World Series it also signaled the end of a spectacularly successful era—the final season for Legion baseball coordinator George Rulon, who has headed the program since 1961.

During the five-day tournament in Rapid City, S.D., tributes poured in from around the nation, congratulating the 65-year-old Rulon on the job he has done for more than a quarter of a century. The city hosts honored Rulon with a Sunday brunch attended by more than 200 people, including his wife, Corene, and their two daughters.

More than 2 million young men have participated in the program during Rulon's tenure, many of whom went on to successful careers in major league baseball. But Rulon hasn't just coordinated a baseball program; he has lived and breathed it. Woe be to

that person who has ever challenged Rulon to an American Legion Baseball trivia quiz. Blessed with a photographic memory, Rulon can rattle off scores, plays, names and other incidents from years past.

When Rulon officially goes into retirement in December, along with him will go a pair of shoes he has worn at every World Series tournament. The battered brogans are Rulon's charm to ward off rain. They worked for all but two days in his career. He'll undoubtedly put the shoes to use when he serves as deputy baseball commissioner for the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis. But more than lucky shoes, more than trivia, Rulon has come to symbolize something far greater to the Legion players and coaches throughout the nation.

George Rulon is Mr. American Legion Baseball.

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MEDIA LEAKS

A TWO-WAY STREET

The game of leaking information is a popular Washington pastime adroitly played by government and the press. So why all the uproar?

By William Giles

JUST before the Geneva summit conference last November, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger wrote a personal note to President Reagan. In it, he privately urged the President to avoid making any commitments to the Russians on two key arms control issues.

Two days later, the text of the letter—word-for-word, right down to the signature, “Cap”—mysteriously appeared in a New York newspaper.

Publication of the letter touched off a small tempest. A White House aide called it “sabotage.” Weinberger said he was “disturbed” and embarrassed. The Pentagon launched an investigation. There were hints of reprisals.

A dreaded “leak” had sprung again.

Curiously, Reagan seemed unperturbed even though it was his personal mail that had been publicized. Other high-ranking officials, unaccountably, seemed irritated with Weinberger. Columnists had fun with the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department and, as one writer put it, “the mole who came out of the hole.”

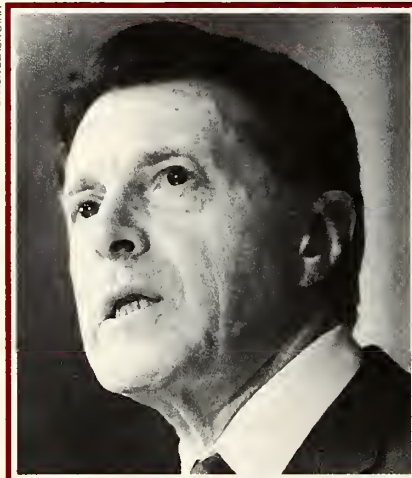
To most Americans, the incident must have been baffling. The bitter fights and repercussions over previous government leaks, the threats of lie-detector tests and phone taps to plug leaks, the somber concern of top officials about leaks—all contributed to a general sense that leaks were both despicable and dangerous.

To Washington veterans, however,

William E. Giles, a consulting firm executive in Troy, Mich., is a veteran journalist and former editor of the Detroit News.

the Weinberger episode merely reaffirmed the convivial conspiracy in the capital between press and government. This enduring relationship thrives on the informer’s need-to-tell and the reporter’s need-to-know. It produces what are negatively called “leaks” but more positively may be viewed as the public’s right to know.

The surreptitious passing of informa-



LEAK—Weinberger was unhappy, but the President didn't seem to mind.

tion to the press is not new, of course; every administration since George Washington’s has had to cope with the practice. And it’s not confined to Washington or politicians. Businessmen, lawyers, celebrities, scientists, sportsmen, editors—they all do it to curry favor, embarrass opponents or cover their rears. It is almost as American as Saturday morning TV cartoons—and often just as entertainingly trivial.

What set the Weinberger incident apart is that the leak obviously came from somebody high up—in an admin-

istration that has been especially tough on leakers. Weinberger himself came under suspicion because he had been excluded from the Geneva conference. Could it have been a member of his staff? A peer? A political foe? While this administration has done more than most to try to plug leaks and intimidate leakers, in this case it cleanly typified an ancient Washington maxim: Government is the only vessel that leaks from the top.

Leaking comes as naturally in the capital as daffodils in spring because all the players perceive it to be useful. In their view, it properly provides reporters with grist for exclusive stories while providing bureaucrats a fairly safe way to go public with information while remaining anonymous. High officials, who publicly condemn the practice, are not above privately leaking material to the press when it is to their advantage.

SPECIFIC examples have been documented in, among other places, the *Columbia Journalism Review*—leaks to marshal public support for the administration’s policy toward Libya’s Moammar Gadhafi and leaks to influence public attitudes toward Central America. Just before the recent election in the Philippines, the press bubbled with inspired stories from capital sources obviously designed to distance the administration from the unpopular regime of Ferdinand Marcos.

The journalistic competition for exclusivity in Washington, and elsewhere too, tends to balloon even trivial leaked items beyond their normal news value. Unlike common gossip, which also sells well, the voices from nowhere—“officials,” “authoritative sources,” “knowledgeable sources,” among others—can be disguised as legitimate news even when their information is thin and maybe even stale.

Leaking earned a bad name because it sometimes involves important matters impinging on national security, or what is contended to be national security. The press and its sources, for example, were harshly criticized for anonymous reports—some right, some wrong—out of the Vietnam war, the Watergate inquiry and the Pentagon papers. Some officials claim the feeling, particularly in the military, that the press couldn’t be trusted with anything secret was clearly reflected in the decision to bar newsmen from the Grenada invasion.

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U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Joseph Lawrence survived the battle and wrote a moving first-person account of war in the trenches: *"Fighting Soldier: The AEF in 1918"* (Colorado Associated University Press, \$15).

"Since the Battle of Verdun, the Germans had spent two years fortifying the Meuse Heights, which meant that the division was going to have to fight its way through heavily wooded ridges, steep-sided ravines and farms with cleared fields.

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Lulls in the battle were few and seldom peaceful, Lawrence recalled. He said the artillery never seemed to tire, and the screaming, screeching shells would tear at their ragged line, snap-

ping nerves and taking out a man here and there. "Sometimes one or two men occupying a shell hole would be mangled while a partner would be unscathed. The smell coming from an exploding shell is terrible, not a bad odor particularly, but acrid, ominous and frightfully suggestive."

The battle lasted for 58 days, with the American Expeditionary Force gradually gaining the upper hand. Lawrence and his weary buddies climbed out of their trenches and pushed forward, hesitating here and there to briefly assess the damage. "We crossed a trench demolished by shellfire, and I

big shell coming from our side that I knew was going to hit close to where I was; its screech became louder and louder and then ended in a deafening roar as it struck a large tree under which we were lying, cutting the tree in two, and the upper part fell straight down, striking the man on my left as he lay prone, on one leg above the knee, practically cutting his leg from his body. We put a tourniquet on the stump of the wounded man's leg. He was conscious and asked if the doctor was coming, and I told him, 'Yes, he will be here in a few minutes.' But I saw that a doctor could do him no good, and he died in a few minutes. There were, of course, no doctors around at such a time.

"The men couldn't stand much more of this. We had had it for four days and were hungry, hollow-eyed, exhausted. Some of them were losing their minds. Monahan, one of our best sergeants, had broken, his nervous system shattered, and was up in Grassey's dugout whimpering like a baby; he was a fine young fellow

and a brave soldier, but there was a limit to human endurance."

Lawrence has put together, under the skillful editing of Indiana University history professor Robert H. Ferrell, a well-tuned diary of observations, a chronicle of events, names and faces—constituents of warfare that often are overlooked or brushed aside by textbook writers who focus on the strategic relevance of a particular battle.

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WWI—The shells tested human endurance.

saw three dead men lying on the bottom as if the three had died in combat; two were Americans and one a German, and the German lay on his back with his chalky-ink swollen face hideous in death; one American lay crumpled on his face, the other in a half-sitting position with legs apart, knees bent upward, arms thrust forward, as if warding off his assailant. I could almost re-enact the struggle that took three lives."

Lawrence wrote simply, eloquently about trench warfare—about frontal assault combat to gain limited objectives; the gains sometimes measured in inches—and the debilitating, paralyzing effects it had on American youths exposed to their first war.

"The shelling was terrible, particularly from the American guns. I heard a

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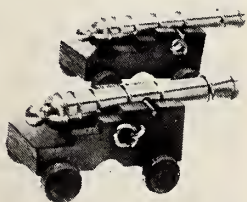
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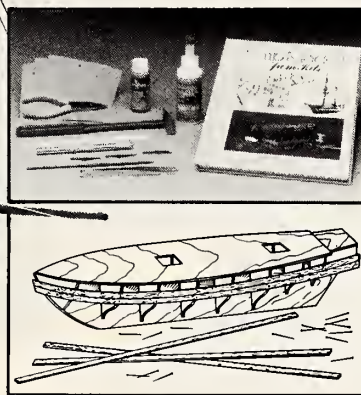
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By Steve Salerno

"There is a great need for improvement in the way we think through and tie together our security objectives... Today there is no rational system whereby the Executive branch and the Congress reach coherent and enduring agreement on national military strategy, the forces to carry it out, and the funding that should be provided..."

**Interim report by
The Packard Commission
on Defense Management,
February 1986**

CHARGED by the administration with the formidable task of assessing the overall efficiency of America's military structure, a special blue-ribbon commission seven months later reported the above observation. Though just one part of a total report that acknowledged the substantial progress already made, the commission's findings in this area became, to many knowledgeable observers, a rallying cry—a compelling statement of what had been obvious for some time.

Bluntly put, the present system of managing, coordinating and utilizing the nation's four principal fighting branches is woefully outmoded.

"There hasn't been a thorough evaluation of defense management since Eisenhower in '58," said Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. In a discussion of the specific issues of military reform, Aspin added that the present system for dealing with general war was de-

signed following World War II. It is not, he said, well-suited to the kinds of skirmishes and acute flare-ups so prevalent in today's guerrilla-minded global climate.

Agreeing with the Packard Commission and his House committee colleagues, Aspin said he believed the system suffers primarily from "a lack of jointness—joint thinking and joint operation." Further, he said he is convinced that the current command structure frustrates any attempt to get the branches to operate together as a well-oiled unit.

Several of the nation's military leaders of long standing have shown an unwillingness to wholeheartedly endorse such cynicism; however, the evidence does seem to support Aspin's position. For starters, the President—who is responsible for making the ultimate decisions in war time—does not have access to information that truly integrates the respective views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the commanders-in-chief of the 10 worldwide commands (Atlantic, Strategic, etc.). This is because, at present, no single uniformed officer is clearly responsible for providing an *objective* view that draws upon the best thinking of our military leadership. Under existing legislation, even the chairman of the JCS has neither the authority nor the autonomy to allow him to assume this role.

There *are* officers who attempt to fill so-called "multi-service" assignments today, but their best efforts tend to be compromised because the officers have been borrowed from the existing service branches. Testimony before Congress indicated that many officers recruited to work joint assignments are pressured to make decisions favorable to the interests of their own services. Promotions—or penalties—may hinge upon one's performance in this

NEW ROLES FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY

*Are we using our military
forces properly? Many in
Congress do not think so,
and are seeking more
joint-service control.*

pseudo-joint capacity, and thus distract the officers from their "purple-suit" duties.

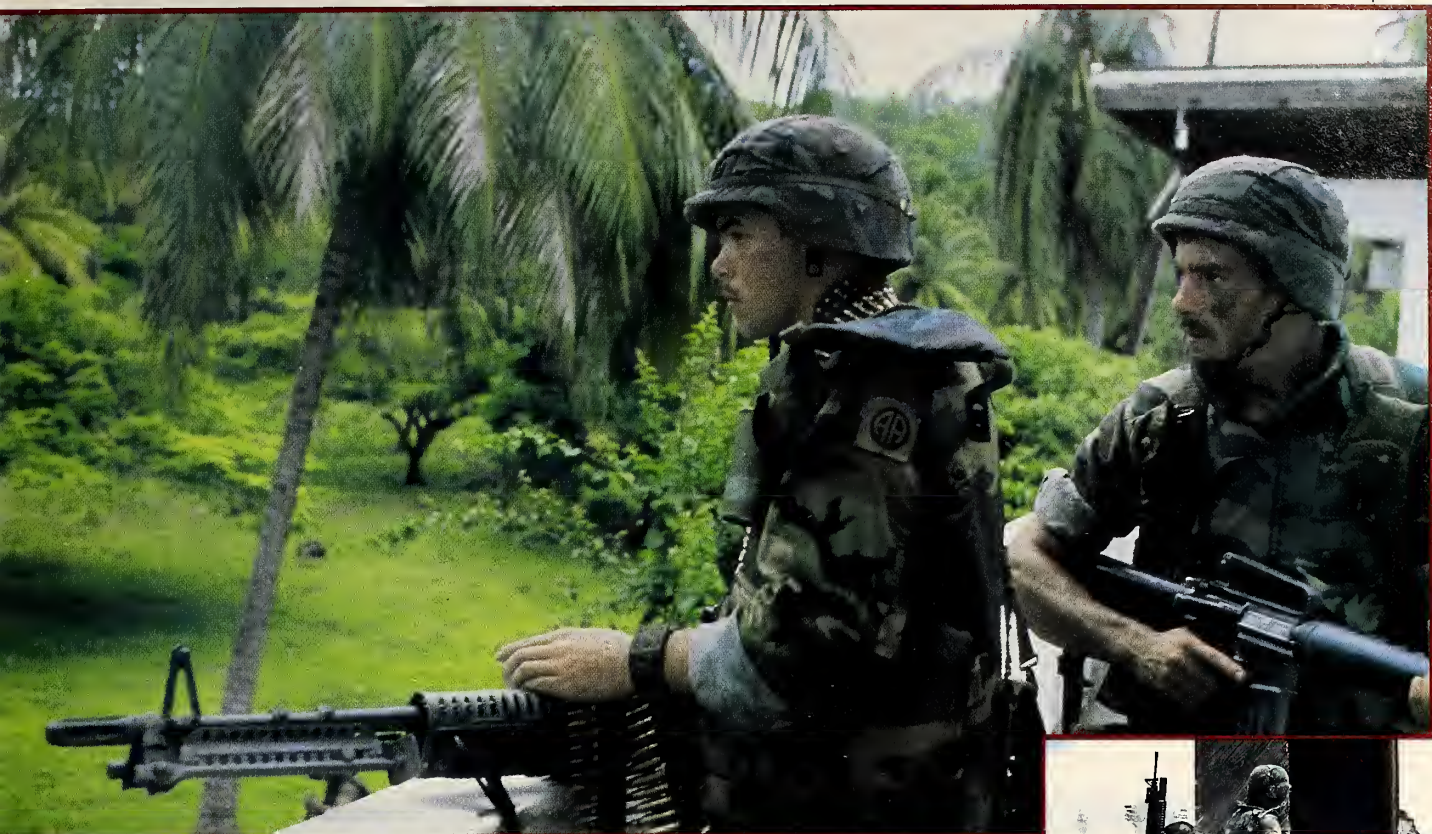
A bill that recently emerged from Aspin's committee addressed this weakness. In an unprecedented step, officers would be selected and trained to serve in roles dealing exclusively with multi-service operations. In effect, this would create an additional, independent "branch" responsible for coordinating and reporting on the activities of the other branches.

THE multi-service-officer dilemma hints at the "service parochialism," to use the Armed Services Committee words, that can undermine the efficiency of today's military operations. In too many cases, as Sen. Barry Goldwater and Sen. Sam Nunn discovered in an earlier inquiry into the matter, the branches have been allowed to go off unbridled in their own directions, with little thought given to how their individual activities af-

fect national security as a whole. Inter-branch competitiveness yields either self-centered programs (which cannot be melded smoothly into a military master plan), or, conversely, a host of overlapping programs, procurements and proposals. In the latter case especially, two or more branches can dilute valuable resources by vying for funding and technical assistance to complete their own versions of the identical project. Productivity drowns amid a sea of redundant paperwork and wasted man-hours; the mound of useless red tape generated as a result swells civilian employment among the various branches by as much as 15 percent.

Also distressing to Goldwater and Nunn was the mediocrity of some of the weaponry and other material that found its way into service, apparently as a result of branch self-interests. Weapons were being sought not necessarily because they were superior, but because

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they were service-related. (In a hypothetical case, the Air Force might fight for a new plane simply because *it's a new plane*.) The consensus among legislative observers of this phenomenon is that there needs to be a more centralized, less subjective voice in procurement decision making.

"Too often, you've got three different people from three different branches trying to accomplish different things, or even the same thing, without any one of them being aware of the others' activities," said Aspin. "Not only is that wasteful, but worse, it also clogs up the system to prevent the kind of coordinated and timely functioning we're aiming for."

Another area of "coordinated and timely functioning" that could stand improvement in the congressman's view is our response to acute crises such as the Beirut hostage situation, the taking of the Mayaguez and similar incidents. "Even in successful operations such as Grenada, you see things that go wrong," Aspin said. Under his committee's bill, the President would be authorized to create special combatant commands with their

own special leadership, and they would exist solely for use in specific military missions. The hope is that creating these units and placing them under a streamlined chain of command would reduce the bureaucratic or inter-disciplinary snafus that have flawed commando-type operations in recent years.

ACTUALLY, our military's occasional inability to react effectively stems in part from a peculiar discrepancy between peacetime and wartime procedures. As it stands now, the CINCs—the men who will assume command at the outbreak of hostilities—are largely isolated from the planning process in peacetime. They have only limited authority to organize their commands as they see fit, hire and fire their subordinates, specify the chain of command under them, or even employ their forces as they feel best. Thus, the men tasked with fighting a war are largely powerless to put



OUTMODED—The Pentagon's battle plans for dealing with general war are believed by some to be ineffective against modern, limited wars such as terrorist attacks, skirmishes and guerrilla raids.

in place the machinery necessary to achieve their goals *until after the shooting has begun*.

"The CINCs are coach during the game, but they're not the coach during practice!" complained Aspin, noting that the bill drafted by his committee "puts the CINCs in command, period! They're in command of the training and the exercises, in wartime and in peacetime."

Aspin's words touch upon the major thrust of all reforms now being con-

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DIVIDED—Critics claim U.S. armed forces lacked teamwork in the Grenada invasion.

America's Defense KEEPING STRONG TO SURVIVE

A modern nuclear force will prevent the Soviets from launching a first strike, says Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

American Legion Magazine: Do cuts made by Congress in current defense appropriations and in future funding commitments signal dwindling support for a strong defense?

Adm. Moorer: Yes, and it should concern every American. We're experiencing a negative attitude by Congress toward the defense budget.

Because nations of the world—both friend and foe—watch congressional budget developments very closely, such reductions send a bad signal to our allies and to our enemies and, therefore, I think Congress is being very shortsighted. What we need is a steady increase in the defense budget in proportion to the inflation we experience, so that we can make long-range plans.

Q. Is Congress out of step with general public opinion in cutting defense?

A. Congress is out of step with everybody. It seems to be pressing ahead for the benefit of special interests that it feels will be decisive in helping them in this month's election. This does not apply to every congressman, of course, but it



SUE KLEMENS

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former Chief of Naval Operations, and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Vietnam War when the battleship USS New Jersey (upper left) returned to active duty, serves with the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

applies to enough of them to create an environment of instability in the Congress.

Q. How do you view the overall state of readiness of our armed forces today?

A. Our readiness is at its highest peak since World War II. This is due to the administration's approach to defense, which has resulted not only in the acquisition of new equipment, but also in a significant increase in morale, which enhances readiness. When young service people feel appreciated by the public, they are more determined to do the best job possible, they are proud of being in the military service, and they are intensely motivated. You cannot separate the human factor from the readiness equation, but Congress seems to ignore this factor. It is not how many men

you have that counts, but how determined, well-trained, motivated and courageous they are.

Q. What is the most important change developed under the defense buildup since 1981?

A. The improvement in morale. During the Vietnam War public attitudes were such that servicemen returning to the States were ashamed to put on their uniforms. Today they are proud of their uniforms.

Another example is the tremendous progress made in reducing drug use.

Q. What is the most serious weakness in our armed forces?

A. It's the on-again-off-again congressional support for defense, which results in all kinds of recriminations. The news media get involved and worry about coffeepots and toilet seats and other such things, which are miniscule compared with the overall extent of activities taking place. The Defense Department awards thousands of contracts every day and we are going to find people who try to feather their nests. When someone is found guilty of such infractions he should be dealt with accordingly.

Also, there are too many agencies and people in the defense department. I would like to see the whole system tightened up.

Finally, too many people in Washington value an officer's ability to testify before Congress, or make studies, regardless of his combat qualifications which, after all, constitute the bottom line. I see people promoted when they should not be promoted. For example, when I was chairman of the JCS there was an officer in the Air Force who went from major to lieutenant general and never left the Pentagon. This is ridiculous. It tells men in combat units that the only way they'll get promoted is to come to Washington—never mind being able to fight.

Q. How do you feel about proposals to restructure the JCS?

A. Such proposals are going to significantly weaken the overall defense organization. I cannot understand the rationale that says we are going to weaken the component parts—the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marine Corps—to make the combination stronger. If the House proposals are actually put into effect, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Staff of the Army will be nothing more than staff assistants to assistant secretaries who could be 30 to 35 years old and who have not the slightest idea about the jobs.

Also, to disperse the duties of service chiefs to large numbers of unified commanders can only be described as crazy. House and Senate committee members appear to have swallowed these proposals hook, line and sinker—never mind that the Secretary of Defense or members of the JCS and three of the retired chairmen told them in testimony that what they are doing is wrong.

Q. How seriously should people take the threat of Soviet expansionism?

A. Very, seriously! The Soviets have said over and over again that their goal is worldwide domination. The buildup of their defense capabilities speaks for itself. Also,

the Soviets are moving into Nicaragua where they have built airfields and seaports, and are providing the Nicaraguans with the latest attack helicopters, not to mention money. The Soviets certainly have acquired a major foothold in Cuba. They tried it in Grenada, but the administration put a stop to that.

This year saw a big argument in Congress over \$100 million in aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, although we are distributing money in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, the Seychelles Islands—places that are occupied by communists.

The Soviets in the Pacific have taken over Cam Ranh Bay—one of the finest seaports in the western Pacific. We spent \$1 billion there during the Vietnam War and the Soviets got it for nothing. Today they have nuclear submarines, fighter aircraft and reconnaissance aircraft stationed there, which are a threat to us and other Free World nations.

About 12 years ago, I told the White House that we could

WE ARE NOT going to look up some day and see missiles falling on Washington.

protect an oil convoy from the Arabian Sea to Europe by using Portuguese airbases in Angola, Mozambique, the Cape Verde Islands, etc. Today, the Russians are in every one of those bases and, instead of being used to protect our convoys, those bases can be used to attack them.

Q. Has our defense buildup since 1981 curbed Russian expansionism?

A. I think it has delayed it significantly. It causes the Russians to have second thoughts about goals they might have in mind. But so far as eliminating their desire to establish a presence worldwide, I don't think there is anything that could do that. Brezhnev established what is called the Brezhnev Doctrine, which says that once a communist government is established in a nation, there is no walking back the cat.

Q. How can we counter Soviet backing of terrorism?

A. You have to begin with a look at the radical difference between our society and government and Soviet society and government. The Soviets have an entirely different view of human life than we do. Therefore, they don't have any problem, from a moral point of view, in participating in state-supported terrorism. They furnish the training grounds and money and they encourage radical elements to participate in terrorist activities targeted against the United States. I believe that they master-minded the whole effort to assassinate the Pope. So, I don't think they'll stop at anything.

Most Americans are not aware of Soviet intentions because the Soviets' disinformation program works so well in this country. I think it was Lenin who said: "We don't need a communist newspaper in the United States because no one will read it. What we want is to get the papers in the United States to write what we would say if we had a paper." And they are doing a hell of a job with that.

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MILLIONS of Washington visitors have stood in awe of the spring-time vista of white marble, pink blossoms and blue sky that flow down Capitol Hill to the Washington Monument and beyond to the Lincoln Memorial. But hundreds of Washington residents also know the dark side of Capitol Hill. Behind the Capitol are polyglot neighborhoods of old tenements, boarded storefronts, new government offices with Capitol Police guards and private apartments with electronic security systems.

Crime stalks Capitol Hill. Few if any members of Congress live there. Some congressional staffers have been robbed, raped and even murdered there. "I won't live on Capitol Hill," declared a young lawyer on the staff of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, "because I was mugged when I was riding my bicycle there."

Capitol Hill, a traditional symbol of the rule of law in a free society, ironically is also a symbol of lawlessness in America. Washington declared war on the nation's crime problem two decades ago. But the war still has not been won even on Capitol Hill. The problem in some respects has grown worse.

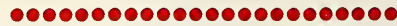
Crimes reported to police have been growing steadily since World War II. When racial violence and campus disorders heightened the crime wave, President Lyndon Johnson established his Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, and the commission in 1967 published its lengthy study of the probable causes and possible cures for crime. In the two decades since then, federal and state legislatures, courts, prosecutors and police have joined in a massive and costly war on crime. For instance, Congress in 1968 passed the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 reinstated the death penalty. Congress in 1984 escalated the war with a 635-page law abolishing parole, overhauling the bail system and otherwise strengthening the federal criminal justice system.

President Johnson realistically predicted there would be "no instant victory" in the war on crime. In fact, crimes

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CRIME STALKS AMERICA

Violence rules the dark side of most U.S. streets and alleys, and the crime rate is rising. A major cause, experts say, is the burgeoning drug trade.



By Louis M. Kohlmeier Jr.

of all kinds continued to increase through the 1970s. Finally, in 1982, the number of crimes nationwide declined by 3 percent. The FBI reported another decline for 1983, and the U.S. Attorney General then declared the two consecutive declines "a double victory." He said, "We are turning back crime," and his optimism seemed justified. The FBI reported another decline for 1984.

HOWEVER, in 1985, crime increased again. The FBI reported that crimes in the United States during 1985 were 5 percent greater than in 1984. The increase occurred in the cities and rural areas. It covered almost all types of crimes from murder and rape to robbery, burglary and arson.

The 1985 increase is even more distressing over the longer term. The 12.4 million criminal offenses reported to police in 1985 were 10 percent greater than the 1976 crime total. While crimes against property in 1985 were only 7 percent above 1976 property crimes, violent crimes against persons in 1985 were a staggering 32 percent greater than the 1976 total of such crimes.

Criminologists are not certain of the reasons for the 1982-1984 crime decline

or the 1985 increase. In reporting the 1985 increase, FBI Director William H. Webster said, "Whatever the reasons, it is up to all of law enforcement, the criminal justice community and, of course, every citizen to do more." Yet, the bewildering statistics confirm that crime causes and cures are enormously complex. As President Johnson's crime commission asserted in 1967, "No single formula, no single theory, no single generalization can explain the vast range of behavior called crime."

Demographic trends are undoubtedly a fundamental part of the explanation. FBI crime statistics, gathered annually from local, state and federal police jurisdictions, consistently have shown that young people are disproportionately responsible for crimes. In 1985, for example, persons under 25 years of age accounted for 50 percent of the 12 million arrests nationwide. Persons under 25 accounted for 65 percent of total arrests for robbery, burglary and other property crimes. Crime victims tend to be older persons who possess more property and may be less capable of defending themselves.

Criminologists thus relate crime trends to demographic trends. They



STICK UP—Persons under the age of 25 accounted for half of the 12 million arrests nationwide in 1985.

criminal justice systems in the past two decades. New laws and tougher court decisions have resulted in more criminal convictions, longer jail sentences and overcrowded prisons. But even the removal of more criminals from society is controversial among criminologists.

Some claim that prisons are crime schools, not correctional institutions. Norman Carlson, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, has said that "Anyone not a criminal when he goes in, will be when he comes out." Mark W. Cannon, administrative assistant at the U.S. Supreme Court, has said that "Our system of corrections is irrational and counterproductive." Convicts, he said, "are supposed to pay a debt to society, but in prison they actually become a greater burden to society—locked up, fed and clothed at a higher annual cost to taxpayers than the cost of sending a student to Harvard." He argued that the federal and state governments must estab-

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theorize that the "baby boom" of the late 1940s increased the population of young people in the 1960s, and crime increased also. The birth rate began to decline in the late 1950s, theoretically paving the way for lower crime rates in the 1970s and 1980s. The birth rate again turned upward, possibly meaning higher crime rates in the late 1980s or 1990s.

But demographic trends alone cannot explain crime trends. Young people today are far different than they were in the 1960s, and the changes have little to do with their numbers. College students today are studying, not protesting. Radicalism has been replaced by conservatism in many walks of life. The persistence of high crime levels among young people obviously is more complex than simple birth rates.

Criminologists also theorize that unemployment and poverty explain the crime problem, and it is an established fact that young people suffer higher unemployment rates than Americans in general. An official of the National

Institute of Justice in Washington observed that, "If unemployment is related to crime, then you can reason that lower unemployment rates reduce crime." Many studies also relate youth crime to poverty, divorce, single-parent homes and working mothers.

BUT unemployment and poverty do not adequately explain crime. Most crimes against persons and property in fact decreased during the Great Depression of the 1930s, notwithstanding massive unemployment and poverty. Postwar crime has increased despite relative prosperity. Moreover, unemployment and poverty trends would not seem to explain either the 1982-1984 crime decline or the 1985 increase.

The 1982-1984 decline was explained in Washington in terms of the many new criminal laws enacted by Congress and state legislatures, the crime crackdown in the state and federal courts, and the hundreds of millions of dollars that state and federal governments have spent on

alternatives to prison for non-violent criminals, and constructive prison training programs for violent offenders.

The one issue on which most criminologists seem to agree is that drugs have been a significant part of the explanation of crime for at least two decades. Coincidence or not, as the drug problem has grown, the crime problem has grown, too.

Drugs were virtually unknown to Americans before 1960. Beer and cigarettes were better known. Marijuana was discovered by young people of the 1960s who violently protested the Vietnam War and other real or imagined injustices. Many marijuana users graduated to hallucinogenic and other synthetic drugs, to heroin and cocaine.

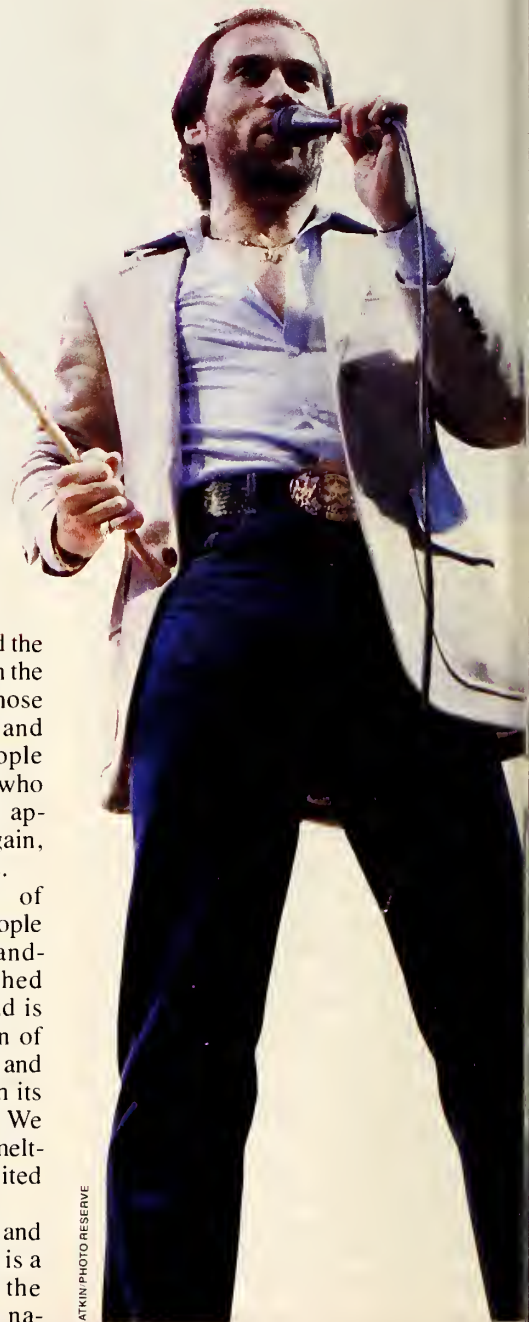
The protests subsided in time, but drug use continued despite the new conservatism of young people. U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has said that more than 25 percent of the population—60 million Americans—

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WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA

'God Bless

A country and western star sings praises to the nation and its greatest strength—its people—who can forget their differences to stand together against any common foe.



By Lee Greenwood

AS AN entertainer I travel a great deal across our land. I've been fortunate enough to see and experience many different sides of American life, which I feel has helped my understanding of all Americans.

Each night after our show is over we pack up and head down the road to another town. Although the people and places are different, the struggle for survival and the topics of conversation are the same: the difficulty in making ends meet, the prob-

lems that face the kids in school and the changing economy. As we roll down the highway seemingly immune to those problems of the passing cities and towns, I often reflect on the people we've left behind, those great folks who cheered us on with laughter and applause. Some we may never see again, and some made lasting impressions.

Just who are these people of America? They are a nation of people arbitrarily chosen much like sandpebbles, which have been washed ashore by the four winds. Our land is comprised of a wide cross-section of people; each nationality, color, race and creed enriching our culture through its differences and shared goals. We exemplify the true meanings of a melting pot and stragglers who have united for common goals.

People of all nationalities, colors and religions peacefully living together is a unique American trait. All over the world, internal conflicts plague na-

Singer, song-writer Lee Greenwood won the 1985 Country Music Association's Song of the Year award for "God Bless The U.S.A." In 1984 he was named Male Vocalist of the Year by four prestigious country music organizations.

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tions, and their divided populations suffer greatly. But despite all odds, in every walk of life, from farmers shaking hands in the fields before a day's work harvesting their crops, to larger populations in cities where people gather in taverns and talk about their days, we coexist peacefully, despite what ever is happening in the world around us.

WHEN I think of our country's flag and what it stands for, the stars hold a certain significance for me; each star represents the millions of people who are equally protected by our Constitution. Alaska or Rhode Island, the size of the state doesn't matter. Whether farming or manufacturing, in Des Moines or Detroit, the stars on our country's flag stand uniformly beside each other like a marching army. All are equal and each one has its own space, not infringing on the next . . . but standing side by side supporting each other.

Organizations such as the Lions, Moose, Elks, Optimists and The American Legion welcome strangers and unite us as a people. This invisible fiber is one of America's greatest strengths. Where else do people join together to defeat problems they face? We here in America help ourselves through services such as the United Way, and the Red Cross, and then reach out to other nations with the Peace Corps.

In my eyes this is truly a land of opportunity. A place where the only thing that can hold you back is your inability to dream. The "American Dream" was born out of hopes and wishes, sandlot baseball and Boy Scouts, parades and pride. Oh, how important it is to live in a land that's free! American people believe in and stand for the rights our Constitution provides. We all share the allegiance to protect Miss Liberty and what she stands for; and we all benefit from her freedoms.

Freedom is a very special gift.



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Although it's intangible, freedom is priceless. It can't be bought or sold or bargained for; and it can only be protected by democracy.

Rolling down the highways of this vast country, I see freedom everywhere. And, when I retire each night, I sleep without fear because I'm living free. "There ain't no doubt I love this land. God Bless The U.S.A.!" □

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ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL

By Vernon Pizer

THEY are everyman from everywhere—inner cities and suburbs, small towns and farms, hill country and seacoast, the haves and the have-nots, the well-educated and the poorly educated, all races and all ethnic backgrounds. They are as diverse as any cross-section of America can be. But in one significant way, their origins and backgrounds are only superficial differences, accidents of geography or opportunity, nuances of heredity or environment. These disparate Americans are made alike by their rare valor, which links them

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MEDAL OF HONOR—Our nation's highest decoration.

to the brotherhood of those few who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

BRENT Woods was well prepared for the rigors of soldiering during the Indian Wars. After all, he had been tempered in the harsh crucible of slavery. In 1873, when he was 18, Woods left his native Kentucky to enlist in the all-black 9th Cavalry, which was led by white officers. He turned out to

ACES—Five U.S. fighter pilots were awarded the Medal of Honor for actions above and beyond the call of duty during WWII in the Pacific Theater.

be a skillful soldier, natural leader, and rose to the rank of sergeant.

In August 1881, Woods' company was ordered to shepherd a civilian party through hostile Apache territory in what is now New Mexico. The unit was making its way through a mountain canyon when the Apaches struck. In the first few minutes of fighting the commanding officer was killed and Woods and several others were wounded. The second-in-command turned tail and fled, leaving the troopers without officers. Woods seized command, disposing some men defensively around the civilians and leading the rest in a countercharge. The fighting was fierce. Gradually, Woods and his men turned the tide, forcing an Apache withdrawal. After burying the dead and tending to wounds, including his own, Woods resumed the march through the hostile land, leading the unit safely to its destination. For his deed Brent Woods was awarded the Medal of Honor.

IN LIMITED INSTANCES during the Revolution and the Mexican War, Congress had adopted legislation creating a special medal to present to a specific person, but it had not established a

permanent medal with which to recognize the valor of its men in uniform. The need to fill this void became apparent to many when the tragic Civil War rent the nation. On Dec. 9, 1861, prodded by the Navy, Sen. James W. Grimes of Iowa introduced a bill proposing that 200 "medals of honor" be struck for award to sailors; it was signed into law by President Lincoln on Dec. 21. A measure empowering the Army to establish a comparable medal was signed into law early the next year. Both authorizations contained an identical limitation: it was to be in force only for the duration of the Civil War and the award could be made only to enlisted men. In 1863, Congress adopted two key amendments: the first extended eligibility to Army officers (though, through a legislative quirk, it did not extend eligibility to Navy officers until 1915) and the second granted the Medal of Honor permanent status.

The pantheon of America's military heroes was now in place.

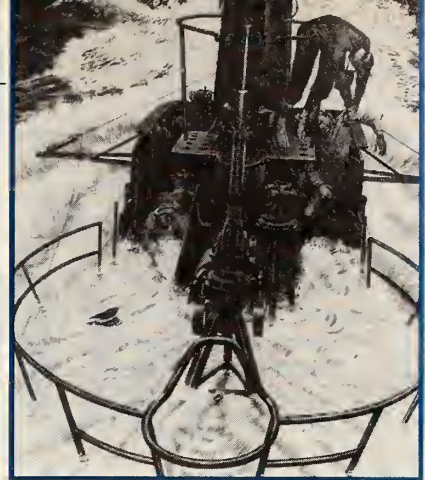
IN LATE 1918, Allied and German armies were locked in battle along the entire Western Front in France. On the morning of Oct. 8, Cpl. Alvin C. York was leading a rifle squad in advance of a U.S. Army infantry battalion in the Argonne Forest. Leaving his squad in a protected position, York began crawling ahead over broken ground to reconnoiter an enemy emplacement when machinegun fire bracketed him. Hugging the ground, the 29-year-old Tennessean calmly took aim at the nearest machinegun. His aim, sharpened by years of hunting in his native mountains, was deadly. One by one, he picked off the enemy crew. Then he drew a bead on the next machinegun and resumed firing. A deeply religious man who abhorred war, York took no joy in the killing; from time to time he shouted to the Germans to surrender so the bloodshed could end. After York had picked off his 22nd soldier, a German officer came forward under a white flag and agreed to surrender his men. Calling up his squad, and keeping his rifle trained on the officer to forestall trickery, York led the way to the enemy position where he disarmed 90 soldiers crewing a line of 35 machineguns. Forming the prisoners into a column, York and his men began marching them back to the American lines. Along the way York demanded and received the surrender of another 42 soldiers he discovered in an entrenched position. Astoundingly, Alvin C. York had taken 132 prisoners, had

silenced 35 machineguns, and had broken the back of an entire German battalion. Nobody doubted that he had richly earned the Medal of Honor he was granted.

HIMSELF AN OLD SOLIDER sensitive to the nuances of military matters, President Theodore Roosevelt recognized that the presentation of the medal needed to reflect the eminence of the decoration and those selected to receive it. So in 1905 he issued an executive order requiring that the medal be presented by the President, or a suitable representative designated by him, in a formal ceremony in Washington unless prevented by unusual circumstances. Ever since, the presentation has followed that format.

THE submarine USS Growler was on patrol in the Southwest Pacific in the winter of 1943. Running on the surface on a gray February day, it was tracking a Japanese gunboat it had spotted earlier. The skipper—Cmdr. Howard Gilmore, a veteran of 17 years in the Navy—was on the bridge conning the sub. As the hunter was closing on its prey the gunboat swung about abruptly and made for the Growler. Gilmore maneuvered skillfully so that as the vessels closed he was able to ram the gunboat, holing it amidship. Small-arms fire raked the bridge, wounding him and two sailors with him. Gilmore ordered the men below, but he realized he was hit so badly he could follow only at a slow crawl—time enough for the enemy's big guns to come to bear on the sub and sink it. Unhesitatingly, he yelled to his executive in the hatchway the one command that would save the crew: "Take her down!" The exec's last sight of his captain as he slammed the hatch shut was of Gilmore sagging over the bridge rail but still on his feet. For his valor and sacrifice Gilmore became the first submariner to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

WHEN CONGRESS ESTABLISHED the Medal of Honor it directed that it be bestowed for gallantry in action and for "other seamanlike qualities" in the case of the Navy, and gallantry in action and "other soldierlike qualities" in the case of the Army. By interposing "seamanlike" and "soldierlike" behavior as permissible criteria Congress created a loophole that risked demeaning the decoration. Indeed, in its early years some medals had been granted for deeds of merit but hardly of notable gallantry and a few had been granted simply as matters



DIVE—Mortally wounded Gilmore orders his crew to "take her down," leaving himself topside.

of political expediency. In 1916, Congress closed the loophole it had opened by ruling that henceforth eligibility could be established solely by **conspicuous gallantry in actual combat against an enemy and at the risk of one's life above and beyond the call of duty.** A military board, reviewing past awards, rescinded 911 it judged fell short of these criteria. The integrity of the Medal of Honor was now secure.

ON THE night of April 25, 1951, Sgt. Hiroshi H. Miyamura and his 12-man squad—aware that Chinese troops were trying to infiltrate the American lines—were especially alert in their outpost overlooking the Imjin River in the Korean peninsula's mid-section. In the pre-dawn dark the enemy reached the outpost. The ensuing fire-fight was furious. At one point, a machinegun zeroed in on the squad, hitting several men. Miyamura leaped up, bayoneting and shooting his way through the enemy until he reached the machinegun and silenced it. Then he fought his way back to his men. The fighting continued through the night.

At dawn Miyamura took stock: enemy dead littered the ground (an after-action report put the enemy dead at more than 50) but only four of his men remained effective and almost all the squad's ammunition had been expended. Collecting what ammunition was left, Miyamura ordered the survivors back to the U.S. lines while he fought off the enemy single-handedly to cover their withdrawal. When his men were out of range, he raced to a fall-back position and fought a second rear-guard action. He was down to his last few rounds when he was over-run and captured. After 28 months of hardship as a POW, he was repatriated fol-

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A HISTORY OF SOVIET LIES

By Richard F. Staar

WHEN the United States held a monopoly over nuclear weapons in 1946, it offered to destroy the casings and transfer the extracted fissionable materials to a veto-free international agency under the United Nations' authority. Arkady A. Sobolev, the ranking USSR official at the U.N., responded to an oral preview of the proposal as follows: "The Soviet Union doesn't want equality. [It] wants complete freedom to pursue its own aims as it sees fit." That conversation took place before the USSR had even tested its first atomic bomb.

The record since that time is clear: The Soviets have never shared the naive belief, held by some Americans, that both sides have the same objective of military parity to be achieved through arms control. The idea of striving toward a collective security system, mutually advantageous for both East and West, contradicts the Marxist-Leninist world outlook, which allows for no lasting accommodation.

Although the USSR has consistently pressed the United States to seek collective security through arms-control agreements, the Soviet commitment to military superiority has been so unmistakable that American officials who have overlooked it cannot be called victims of Soviet deception.

The Soviets have now achieved almost total warning coverage through the world's most powerful phased-array

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THE SOVIETS HAVE VIOLATED EVERY ARMS CONTROL PACT. SO WHY DO WE SEEK TREATIES WITH THEM?



radars, capable of coordinating defense against incoming ICBMs.

In 1972, American government officials said they believed that arms-control agreements had arrested the growth of the most effective USSR warheads at about 300. By the early 1980s, that number had reached 6,000. The United States, having succumbed to deception, did not produce a single warhead of this type. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger stated on Dec. 21, 1984, that the Soviets had built precisely the kinds of forces that we thought they would refrain from doing after the 1972 arms-control treaties.

What are the prospects that the USSR will adhere to future agreements? Some writers have suggested that the current general-secretary, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, will differ from his predecessors. That appears to be unlikely. After all, the Soviet military position vis-à-vis the United States has improved immensely because of USSR duplicity in the arms-control process. Why should the new leader do anything but continue to pursue a course that has cost little and yet paid handsome dividends? In fact, soon after being elevated to the top post, Gorbachev began repackaging a series of old proposals that both placed the United States on the defensive and invited it to continue the policies that have helped to shift the military balance in favor of the USSR. They included:

- A ban on nuclear tests until Jan. 1, 1987.
- A proposal to eliminate all nuclear weapons by 2000, beginning with a 50 percent reduction in strategic weapons.
- Withdrawal of 500,000 U.S. troops from Central Europe, suggested in mid-June 1986.

All of these "initiatives" received widespread publicity and sounded deceptively reasonable, although each is similar to proposals that the USSR had earlier made and successfully used as smokescreens behind which to achieve military advantage.

Thanks to Soviet deception, our knowledge of high-altitude nuclear effects still lags behind that of the USSR. With this experience as background, should we not demand at least mandatory and unlimited on-call inspection of Soviet test sites to preclude repeating the past?

THE three-stage proposal to eliminate all nuclear weapons by 2000, made in mid-January 1986, resembles the SALT I interim agreement, in that the Soviet Union would choose which of its missile forces to limit. Just as under the 1972 ceilings, the USSR could preserve and even expand the number of militarily most effective warheads. Meanwhile, as the United States reduced its arsenal of missiles during the 1970s, the ratio of most destructive Soviet warheads to U.S. military targets began growing. This in itself could have become an invitation for the USSR to launch an attack. Just as in 1972, the latest Soviet proposal to limit offensive weapons is contingent upon the United States committing itself to remain without any protection against Soviet missiles. This would be accomplished by a 15-year non-withdrawal clause that would be added to the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, which the USSR has violated. This clause



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TRUE TO FORM—*The Soviets repeatedly violate treaties by adding to their arsenal.*

phased-array radar more than 700 kilometers from the closest border (with Mongolia) and pointed outward in the direction of Alaska. The new SS-25 ICBM violates the provision in SALT II, allowing only one new missile, which the USSR had already announced (the SS-24). In addition, the Soviet Union has exceeded the 2,504 total of strategic nuclear delivery vehicles it had when SALT II was signed.

NONE of these documented violations has been rectified by the USSR, despite repeated U.S. protests at the Standing Consultative Commission biannual meetings in Geneva. Soviet representatives either do not reply or blatantly deny the charges. President Reagan finally responded on May 27, 1986, by announcing that the United States would deploy additional cruise missiles on B-52 bombers later this year and breach SALT II limits unless the USSR reversed its military buildup, stopped treaty violations and contributed to the progress at arms-control talks.

Yet, the United States is not building anti-missile weapons as quickly as possible. Neither is it producing the types of modern offensive weapons already being manufactured in the Soviet Union. In brief, America is falling farther and farther behind in strategic offense and strategic defense. The reason given by U.S. officials for this incomprehensible policy is their faith in a set of arms-control talks that produced treaties that the Soviets have consistently violated. By continued adherence to these agreements and by continuing the process that produced them, the U.S. government in effect legitimizes USSR violations.

One must understand that "peaceful co-existence" to the Soviets does not mean living in peace side by side and accepting compromise solutions to disagreements. "Peace" is a form of struggle by all means, short of nuclear war. To consider that the Kremlin views the arms-control process the same way as we do, leads only to deadlock based on our own self-deception, or even worse, to an agreement on Soviet terms. After all, it has not been persuasion, but rather, growing American military and technological power that has brought the USSR back to negotiations. □

would automatically limit U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative research at the level of laboratory tests. What good would it do for the United States to replay the 1972 script, given the Soviet record of treaty compliance? Besides, the USSR has been working on its own version of SDI over the past 15 years.

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The offer for East and West to withdraw 500,000 men each from Central Europe was made through Warsaw Treaty Organization members in June 1986, at Budapest. If accomplished as suggested, the military balance would be tilted even more toward the USSR because WTO currently has a preponderance of 200,000 troops, which has been denied by the East ever since the talks on conventional force reductions began in October 1973 at Vienna, Austria. This again represents an example of strategic deception, with the use of lies and consistent refusal even to discuss the discrepancy in these numbers.

Since 1984, the current administration has submitted four consecutive

reports to the Congress on treaty violations by the USSR. A non-partisan General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament, appointed by the President, studied the record over the past quarter century and found a pattern in "material breaches of contracted duties." The most recent U.S. government study lists nine definite violations of the ABM, Biological and Toxin Weapons, Limited Test Ban, Helsinki, SALT I and SALT II agreements, with as many other "probable or ambiguous" findings.

Specifically, the USSR has broken the ABM Treaty by constructing a

TAKING CARE OF Your Incredible Back

By J. Mitchell Medford

THE human back is remarkably strong. The pressure on your lower spine when you stand erect is more than half your total body weight. The strain of ordinary activities is even more surprising. For instance, when you bend to shovel snow or earth, the weight in the spade may be only 20 pounds, but your back muscles must pull with a force approaching 300 pounds.

Is it any wonder that Dr. Alf Nachemson, an internationally known Swedish orthopedist, concluded that 80 percent of us will experience back pain during our lives?

Medical statistics show that in America over 16 million visits to doctors annually are for back problems. About one-third of all absences from work are due to back pain.

Sadly, the older you get the more likely you are to experience a problem. This is because from age 20 onward, the disks—those spongy shock absorbers between the vertebrae of your spine—have a decreased supply of blood and an increased exposure to injury.

There are 26 individual bones in the adult's back. The foundation of the spine is a cylindrical bone called the vertebra. Back and abdominal muscles are attached to various projections on the vertebrae called processes. As the muscles relax and contract, they pull the spine like a series of levers and permit

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BACK PROBLEMS? THERE'S MUCH YOU CAN DO TO AVOID THOSE VISITS TO THE DOCTOR.

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it to bow and twist. It is an amazing engineering feat.

Most of the difficulty with the spine occurs in the lumbar, the lower back section. The weakest link of the back is located where the spine meets the pelvis. When it comes to lifting, strong arm and shoulder muscles can do little to protect your lower back. You see, the lumbar region is supported by the powerful muscles of the abdomen and buttocks. A firm set of abdominal muscles is the best possible protection against back strain. Unfortunately, as a person grows older and more sedentary, these are the ones that tend to become soft and flabby.

Anyone who has suffered a lower back muscle spasm or experienced a ruptured disk knows what gut-wrenching pain really is. Fortunately, there are ways to support your back and perhaps avoid painful problems in the future. The secret is a twofold process of mastering some simple exercises for back fitness and learning some essential preventive health techniques.

The first rule of caring for your back is to keep your stomach muscles firm and your weight down. An overweight person is more likely to suffer back pain. In fact, 10 extra pounds on the stomach make extra work for the back muscles

and has the same effect as placing 50 additional pounds of pressure on the lower spine.

There are a number of calisthenics that can help you tone up the muscles of your abdomen and buttocks. Several of these are easy exercises that almost anyone can do. Physical therapists generally recommend one or more exercises that are variations of the common sit-up. Another good technique is to lie on your back and simply suck in your stomach muscles as hard as you can, then hold for a count of five. Exercises that "tilt" the pelvis are great for flexibility. Lying flat on your back, draw your knees up to your chest several times. Just remember, a few muscle-firming exercises each day can keep the back doctor away.

A SECOND essential element in preventing back problems is to become aware of your posture and the tensions you are placing on your spine. Unsupported bending and bowing of the back can open a doorway to pain. In his book *My Back Doesn't Hurt Anymore*, Dr. Jack R. Tessman, a physics professor, gives this advice: Don't bend forward to pick up anything unless something is there to support your weight. A movement as simple as tilting forward slightly while brushing your teeth will increase the tension on your lumbar region by 50 percent. So, if you must bend forward, always support your weight with one hand.

When you stand to work, make certain the counter is high enough to allow your back to remain erect. The same counsel holds for sitting at a table or desk. Select a chair with armrests, so your arms and shoulders can help support your spine. Shift positions fre-



PAIN AND STRAIN—Millions of Americans visit the doctor each year for back problems brought on by improper lifting.

quently and use a footstool or other foot rest that permits you to raise one foot and then the other.

Correct posture is important even when you sleep. Many persons who arise with morning backache can solve their problem by changing sleeping positions. You should avoid sleeping on your stomach. It causes the spine to sway out of alignment, and back pain frequently results. Generally, the best sleep posture is to lie on your side with hips and knees bent. The next best position is to lie on your back with a pillow beneath your knees to slightly bend your hips.

Most people give no thought to the load demand they place on their backs by bending over, lifting an object of modest weight, and then twisting at the waist to set down their cargo. Proper lifting techniques are vital to protecting a healthy spine.

Don't bend over. Squat, keep your back straight, and let your powerful

**‘SQUAT, KEEP
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thigh muscles do the lifting. This advice holds true even if you are picking up a sheet of paper. Always avoid bowing your back to pull up an object with your arms.

Whenever you must lift an item that is less than chest high, always get as close to the object as you can, turn sideways if necessary, bend at the knees, grasp the object and stand straight up.

There is one final secret to prevent-

ing back pain: attitude. Believe it or not, a person's emotional state can play a role in the frequency and severity of back pain. People with chronic back problems often notice that stress will trigger a backache. However, if you learn to pay attention to the tell-tale signs of muscle tension, you can teach yourself to relax. Perhaps your signal will be a pinched feeling in your shoulder blades or an ache in your jaw. By consciously releasing muscle tension, you may be avoiding back pain. Learn to relax. If chronic muscle tension is a problem for you, discuss it with your physician.

You have a truly incredible back, but it's the only one you have. Take care of your spine so it can carry you painlessly through your life. □

THIS ARTICLE CONTAINS GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION IS BELIEVED TO BE ACCURATE, YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR MEDICAL ADVICE CONCERNING YOUR PARTICULAR CONDITION.



A veteran of three wars, General Douglas MacArthur epitomized the nation's elite in leadership and soldiering.



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A FAMILIAR POSE—A corncob pipe was MacArthur's trademark.

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

By Gen. Douglas MacArthur

This speech was delivered extemporaneously at West Point by Douglas MacArthur in 1962 and became one of America's truly great pieces of oratory. It summarized MacArthur's philosophy of life and the guidelines he believed to be the heritage of the American soldier. To MacArthur, West Point symbolized a great moral code — "a code of conduct and chivalry of those who guard this beloved land of culture and ancient descent," he said. "For all hours and for all time, it is an expression of the ethics of the American soldier."

DUTY, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

Unhappily, I possess neither that eloquence of diction, that poetry of imagination, nor that brilliance of metaphor to tell you all that they mean.

The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase. Every pedant, every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every troublemaker, and, I am sorry to say, some others of an entirely different character, will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule.

But these are some of the things they do. They build your basic character. They mold you for your future roles as the custodians of the nation's defense. They make you strong enough to know when you are weak, and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid.

They teach you to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success; not to substitute words for actions, not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge; to learn to stand up in the storm, but to have compassion on those who fall; to master yourself before you seek to master others; to have a heart that is clean, a goal that is high; to learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; to reach into the future, yet never neglect the past; to

be serious, yet never to take yourself too seriously; to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

They give you a temperate will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life, a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease.

THEY create in your heart the sense of wonder, the unfailing hope of what next, and the joy and inspiration of life. They teach you in this way to be an officer and a gentleman.

And what sort of soldiers are those you are to lead? Are they reliable? Are they brave? Are they capable of victory?

Their story is known to all of you. It is the story of the American man-at-arms. My estimate of him was formed on the battlefield many, many years ago, and has never changed. I regarded him then, as I regard him now, as one of the world's noblest figures; not only as

one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless.

His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast.

But when I think of his patience in adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words. He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest examples of successful patriotism. He belongs to posterity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom. He belongs to the present, to us, by his virtues and by his achievements.

In 20 campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude, that patriotic self-abnegation, and that invincible determination which have carved his statue in the hearts of his people.

From one end of the world to the other, he has drained deep the chalice of courage. As I listened to those songs [of the Cadet Glee Club], in memory's eye I could see those staggering columns of the First World War, bending under soggy packs on many a weary march, from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn, slogging ankle-deep through the mire of shell-pocked roads; to form grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain, driving home to their objective, and, for many, to the judgment seat of God.

I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died, unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory.

Always for them: Duty, honor, country. Always their blood, and sweat, and tears, as we sought the way and the light and the truth. And 20 years after, on the other side of the globe, again the filth of murky foxholes, the stench of ghostly trenches, the slime of dripping dugouts, those boiling suns of relentless heat, those torrential rains of devastating storms, the loneliness and utter desolation of jungle trails, the bitterness of long separation from those they loved

PROMISE FULFILLED—MacArthur (left) returns to the Philippines with the U.S. invasion of Leyte Island in 1944.

and cherished, the deadly pestilence of tropical disease, the horror of stricken areas of war.

Their resolute and determined defense, their swift and sure attack, their indomitable purpose, their complete and decisive victory—always victory, always through the bloody haze of their last reverberating shot, the vision of gaunt, ghastly men, reverently following your passwords of "Duty, honor, country."

THE code which those words perpetuate embraces the highest moral law and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promulgated for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right and its restraints are from the things that are wrong. The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training—sacrifice. In battle, and in the face of danger and death, he discloses those divine attributes which his Maker gave when He created man in His own image.

No physical courage and no greater strength can take the place of the divine help, which alone can sustain him. However hard the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind.

You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into outer space of the satellite spheres and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind. In the 5 or more billions of years the scientists tell us it has taken to form the earth, in the 3



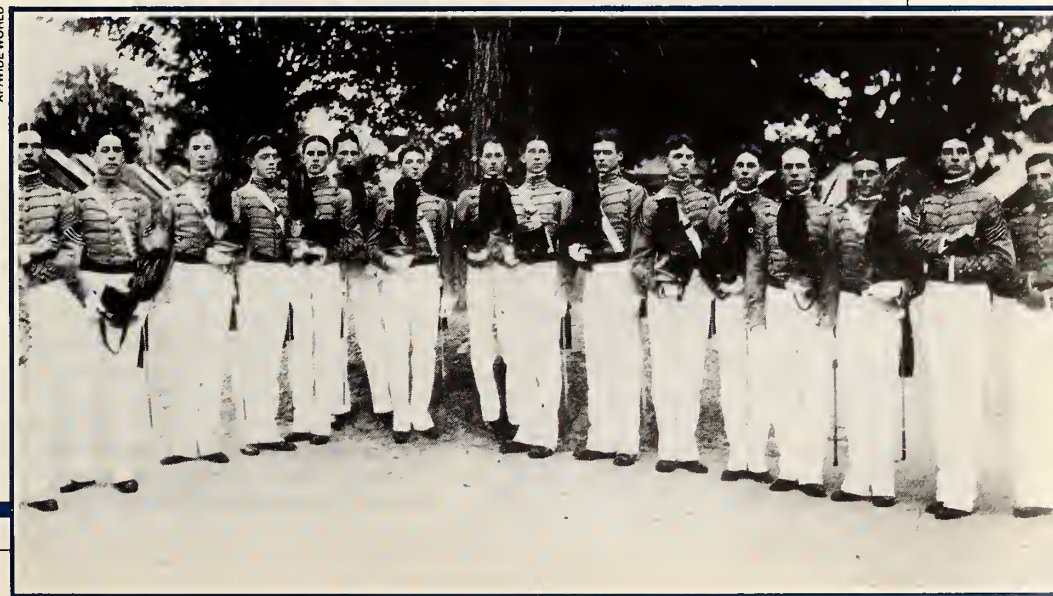
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or more million years of development of the human race, there has never been a more abrupt or staggering evolution.

We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of harnessing the cosmic energy; of making winds and tides work for us; of creating unheard-of synthetic materials to supplement or even replace our old standard basics, to purify sea water for our drink; of mining ocean floors for new fields of wealth and food; of disease preventives to expand life into the hundreds of years; of controlling the weather for a more equitable distribution of heat and cold, of rain and shine; of spaceships to the moon; of the primary target in war no longer limited to the armed forces of an enemy, but instead to include his civil populations; of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy; of such

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WEST POINT—MacArthur (second from right) was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.



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The American Legion's 68th National Convention

REPORT FROM *Cincinnati*



WE WENT to war without condition; and this nation's commitment to veterans' rights and benefits was without condition. That's the way it ought to remain. We have not been, and we will not ever be, content with a means test or any other restriction on health care for America's veterans," Nat'l Cnldr. Dale L. Renaud told 6,000 delegates and alternates at the 68th National Convention in Cincinnati.

In his opening address to the convention, Renaud reviewed American Legion efforts to counter administration and congressional attempts to reduce the

federal deficit at the expense of veterans' programs.

"After I was elected National Commander, it quickly became evident that the federal budget belt was going to continue to be tightened," Renaud said. "With the existing miserable record of budgeting for the VA, we knew we were going to have a real fight on our hands.

"And we were right," he said. "Some of the most severe funding cutback proposals in recent memory were being offered by legislators as the veterans' contributions to fiscal responsibility—apparently without regard to the long-term effects on the elderly and aging veteran population."

Renaud said that although the Legion often found itself alone in opposing

GREETINGS—Renaud welcomes Legionnaires to the opening session at the Cincinnati Convention Center.

measures that would be imposed under balanced-budget legislation, the Legion was successful in countering some of the threats to veterans' rights and benefits.

"We campaigned heavily in Congress, testifying before the House and Senate committees on veterans affairs," he said. "We mounted an information campaign to mold public opinion and we reached out to you and your fellow veterans, asking you to let your voices be heard on this crucial issue. But the most valuable lesson we learned was that we must continuously look to the future and expect further attacks on

veterans' health-care benefits."

Renaud's sober assessment set the mood for convention delegates, who adopted 196 resolutions (See p. 42), most of which were aimed at preserving or improving veterans' health care and benefits.

ABOUT 13,000 Legionnaires converged on Ohio's "Queen City," Aug. 29 to Sept. 4, to help establish the organization's priorities and goals for 1986-87. They also elected a new commander and five vice commanders.

As presiding officer of the convention, Renaud presented awards, introduced guest speakers, and welcomed distinguished guests that included VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage and Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger.

The tone of Weinberger's address echoed Gen. Douglas MacArthur's response when the Japanese surrendered on the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay 41 years ago:

"We have known the bitterness of defeat and the exultation of triumph, and from both we have learned there can be no turning back," Weinberger quoted MacArthur. "We must go forward to preserve in peace what we won in war."

Weinberger praised The American Legion for supporting the administration's defense efforts, but accused congressional critics of "adopting Soviet positions on key security issues at the rate of one about every half hour." He said he expected critics to continue their campaign to "gut" military programs, but vowed that neither he nor the President would allow the nation's defenses to return to their 1981 state of "abysmal readiness, rock-bottom morale and lagging modernization."

"Unfortunately, some people prefer wishful thinking over realism," Weinberger said. "Americans are by nature optimists and, in defense matters, optimism that we can do all we need to do overnight will surely engender neglect and greatly add risk."

Weinberger added that Americans take security for granted because peace and freedom are all many of them have known and they assume there is no danger, nor ever will be.



HOLIDAY TREATS—Dale and Pat Renaud were among 20,000 who enjoyed the Legion parade Sunday, while Labor Day's big attraction was the Legion Festival at the waterfront.

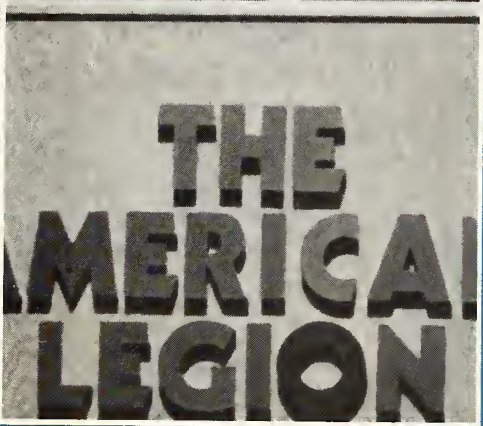
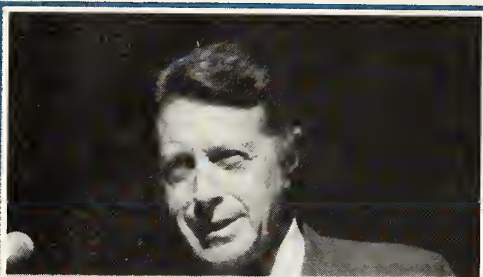
"Most of these are people who do not have direct, immediate knowledge of what it is like to face Soviet aggression," Weinberger said. "It is different for those who, like so many members of this great American Legion organization, have sacrificed to restore and sustain peace. You fought for freedom's blessings yesterday, and you continue to fight today to convince all our fellow citizens that there is no substitute for American strength and vigilance."

WEINBERGER concluded his comments by soliciting support for the Strategic Defense Initiative, saying that SDI would not be a bargaining chip in negotiations with the Soviets.

Following Weinberger at the speaker's dais, Turnage reassured delegates that the goals of the VA and the Legion were identical, and that he viewed his job as that of the "veteran's advocate, too. I don't need to qualify for that role or run



MISS LIBERTY—Floats depicting patriotic themes were presented by posts and departments participating in the parade.



KEY SPEAKER—Defense Secretary Weinberger spoke of our optimistic penchant for taking security for granted.

around the country advertising that fact—I am a veteran and have been for more than 40 years,” he said, referring to his military background as a retired Army major general.

Turnage reminded the audience of the struggle he faced to get every dollar required to support veterans’ needs during the current budget-cutting mood of Congress. “But make no mistake about it,” he said, “we will never get all the funding that some would want. The key, it seems, is to ensure that we get what we need.”

TURNAGE also invited the Legion to join with him to make Americans become more aware of the importance of the VA to the nation. He said most people think of the VA as an old soldiers’ home—a place where veterans apply for pensions—instead of thinking of it as the largest health-care system in the world, treating 1.5 million inpatients each year, training a third of America’s health-care workers and achieving numerous medical breakthroughs.

“No, most people don’t know the VA is the guarantor of \$40 billion in home loans,” Turnage said, “and conducts the fifth largest life insurance program in the United States, operates America’s

ELECTED—Mrs. James E. (Evelyn) Starr, Minn., was chosen the National Auxiliary’s president.

system of 109 national cemeteries, and employs a quarter of a million people. Quite simply, the VA is not recognized as the tremendous national asset it is.”

As the roster of guest speakers began dwindling and the time drew near for him to relinquish command, Renaud publicly recognized Legionnaires and other Americans who distinguished themselves during the year. Among the awards were:

- The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to Capt. Glenn Ford, U.S. Naval Reserve, in absentia, who served with the Marines in World War II and returned to active duty in 1968-69 for a tour with the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam. The NEC noted Ford’s “steadfast devotion to God and Country.”

- The James V. Day Good Guy Award to Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Ken Anderson by the Past Department Commanders Club.

- The Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans to Corning Glass Works, Wilmington, N.C., and Kessel’s Pump Service, El Paso, Texas.

- The William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy to the Department of Maryland.

- The American Legion Fourth Estate Award to KMOX Radio, St. Louis.

- VA&R’s National Service Trophy to the Department of Ohio.

Renaud himself was on the receiving



end of several awards, including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest of its kind in the U.S. Coast Guard, from Adm. Paul A. Yost Jr., Coast Guard Commandant and guest speaker at the convention. Sir William Keys, national president of the Returned Services League of Australia, presented Renaud with a silver plaque commemorating the 70th anniversary of the RSL. It was the first time the national president of the Australian veterans’ organization had attended an American Legion convention.

After receiving a special plaque and the colors, Renaud relinquished his gavel, left the platform and ended his year at the helm of the nation’s largest and fastest growing veterans organization. The final order of business was to elect his successor and other national officers for the coming year.



SMILES—Dean (third from left) introduces his vice commanders (from left): Donald E. Neil, Ervin F. Van Dyke, William M. Detweiler, Doris R. Gross and Allen L. Titus.

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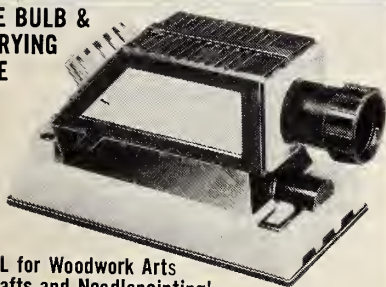
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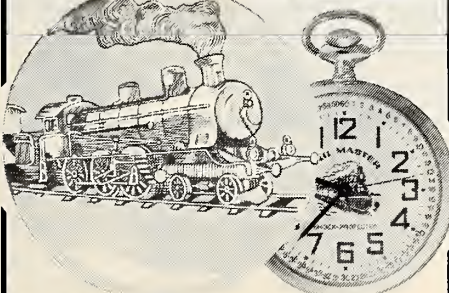
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The delegates made their choice known in short fashion. James P. "Jimmy" Dean, a Mississippi municipal court judge, was elected unanimously. Also elected were vice commanders Doris R. Gross, Wash.; Allen L. Titus, Ind.; William M. Detweiler, La.; Ervin F. Van Dyke, Wis.; and Donald E. Neil, Del. Newly appointed national officers were Rev. Arthur Jakobiak, N.M., national chaplain; Hubert Vonn Culver, Miss., national sergeant-at-arms; and J. Ruffin Apperson, Va., national historian. Reappointed officers were Robert W. Spanogle, Mich., national adjutant; Philip B. Onderdonk Jr., Md., national judge advocate; and Webber LaGrange, Ind., national treasurer.

Meanwhile, delegates to the 66th National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary elected Mrs. (James E.) Evelyn Starr of Cambridge, Minn., as their national president. And delegates to the Sons of The American Legion's 15th Annual Convention elected Douglas Bible of Waite Park,

Minn., as their national commander.

In his acceptance speech, Dean vowed to continue the Legion's opposition to the means test and promised to challenge its implementation. He said the VA has misinterpreted Congress' intent behind the law and that the Legion "is not going to stand by and meekly allow it to go on." (See Cmdr's Message, page 6).

Dean also asked Legionnaires to "Catch the Spirit" and join him in a national membership drive that will achieve 3 million members and force Congress to sit up and take notice.

THERE are 28 million veterans in this country," he said, "and we want them all to join us. With their voices added to our own, who cannot hear us?"

"I can't think of any message we could send to Congress that would speak louder and more decisively than the message that The American Legion—3 million strong and still growing—has something to say to them and the American people about the way veterans are treated, how our nation is defended and how our children should live."

With the benediction and retirement of the colors, the 68th National Convention was adjourned and the delegates drifted out of the Albert B. Sabin Convention Center. Another convention had come and gone, but memories of the highlights still lingered for many Legionnaires:

- An estimated 20,000 people lined the streets of Cincinnati to watch the five-hour Legion parade that included 4,000 participants and more than 100 units. Among the units were the national champion band and color guard units, selected during competition Saturday: The Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N. Y.; and color guard co-champions, the Springfield Rifles of Clark Post 362, Springfield, Ohio, and the Cheverly Troopers of Post 108, Cheverly, Md.

- A few hours earlier, about 1,800 Legionnaires and their families attended a patriotic religious service in the convention center. Reading the scriptures were Rabbi Dr. Allan M. Blustein, past department chaplain of Michigan, and Rev. Henry L. Reinewald, past depart-



ment chaplain of Ohio. A wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the nation's war dead was performed by officials of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Le Chapeau National, La Secretaire Caissiere Eight and Forty and the Sons of The American Legion. Offering the memorial message was Dr. Gordon L. Patterson, National Chaplain of The American Legion.

- Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas and his pal, Buffalo Billy, were show-stoppers at the Commander's Dinner Tuesday; and Kilroy, a 3-foot-tall dummy from The American Legion Museum at National Headquarters, teamed up with Lucas to gain his share of the laughs.

- More than 20,000 Legionnaires, their families and local Cincinnati residents flocked to Yeatman's Cove Park on Labor Day to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Legion Festival—a first in convention history. The POW/MIA flag arrived by parachute, courtesy of the U.S. Army Special Forces Parachute Demonstration Team. High on the list of crowd pleasers were the Four Lads, the Four Aces and the Four Freshmen singing groups, who presented patriotic and nostalgic music that left fond memories of the first Legion convention held in Cincinnati.

By early Thursday afternoon, the store window signs welcoming Legionnaires to shops and restaurants were being replaced with, "Come Back Again" wishes. The 68th National Convention of The American Legion was over. The skyways and highways leading out of Cincinnati were packed with Legionnaires returning to their 58 departments and 16,000 posts, where they would deliver the challenge they accepted at the convention to "Catch The Spirit" and bring so many veterans into the Legion this year that both America and Congress would have to sit up and take notice. That goal was aptly described on a sign tacked to a placard left behind by a determined Legionnaire as both a reminder and a promise: "Cincinnati 1986 = 2.7 million; San Antonio 1987 = 3 million." □

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Speaking to Legionnaires attending the national convention, Abrahamson chided the media for distorting the intent of the controversial weapons system. "It is a system for peace," he said.

America is faced with a troublesome dilemma in its quest for a meaningful arms control policy with the Soviets, said Kenneth Adelman, head of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.



"The current administration has put us in a position where we can finally bargain from a position of strength with the Soviets, but Congress is pulling the rug out from under us," Adelman said, referring to the proposed House bill on defense that threatens the administration's plans for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Adelman offered some brighter notes beyond the controversy surrounding SDI and other high-tech defense advancements. "Freedom was on the run across the globe between 1975 and 1980. The 1980s have since witnessed a burgeoning of democracy and moved away from terrorism and tyranny. Tyranny is now on the run."

When America celebrates the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution in 1987, The American Legion undoubtedly will lead the pack in educating the public about the importance of that document, said conservative spokeswoman Phyllis Schlafly.



"The most important work will be done by organizations such as yours," Schlafly told Americanism Commission members. Schlafly, a member of the federally sponsored Bicentennial Commission on the U.S. Constitution, said her group is not the premier player in the celebration. "American Legion posts can do much of the work through programs that tell what 'We The People' is all about."

A trio of Legion youth champions climbed the convention stage to accept the applause of delegates and give praise to The American Legion for its support in 1986. This year's champions were Jennifer J. Demmon, oratorical winner; Randy S. Votava, Boy Scout of the Year, and Gregory J. Orman, Boys Nation president. The three toured the convention city and were recognized as distinguished guests of the National Commander. Tristan B. Lipscomb, Baseball Player of the Year, and Cherie Horder, Girls Nation president, were unable to attend.



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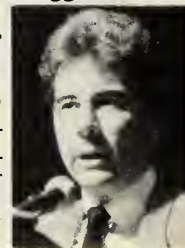


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Walsh stepped into the national spotlight a few years ago, spearheading a drive to force states to mete out stricter penalties for convicted child abusers. Walsh, founder of the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, named for his son who was kidnapped and murdered, said the battle today is to convince state lawmakers that child exploitation is rampant and that more cooperation is needed among law enforcement agencies to track down sex abusers.

Hubert V. Culver has joined an elite handful of Legionnaires—he was appointed National Sergeant at Arms for 1986-87. Like his predecessors, Culver will be charged with assisting the national commander with the decorum and business sessions of the Legion. Culver, a member of Perry A. Johns, Post 6, Corinth, Miss., has served as post and district commander and was a member of the Americanism Commission.



Edward Yorukoff, president of the National Convention Corp. of Ohio, coordinated the registration, distribution of badges and packets, five-hour-long parade and a plethora of additional chores to help ensure a successful convention. "It took a great deal of time, patience, understanding and management, but Ed did just one super job," said one long-time convention delegate.



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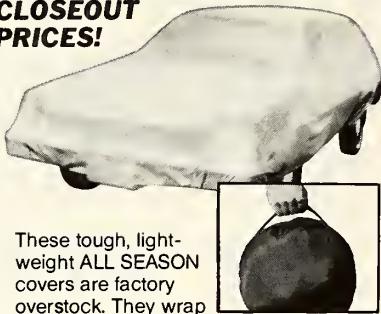


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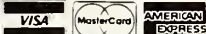
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Robert S. Turner (Ga.), Chairman

- Res. 4 (N.H.)** Encourages national recognition of patriotic contributions by Kate Smith.
- Res. 516 (Comm.)** Opposes employment and citizenship of, and public assistance to, illegal aliens.
- Res. 517 (Comm.)** Seeks change in the Flag Code to include Father's Day among holidays on which the flag should be displayed.
- Res. 518 (Comm.)** Asks Congress to include "Pause for the Pledge" in National Flag Day celebrations.
- Res. 519 (Comm.)** Opposes unauthorized private initiatives by Americans that affect the nation's foreign policy.
- Res. 520 (Comm.)** Urges Congress to support voluntary school prayer.
- Res. 521 (Comm.)** Urges Congress to re-establish the House Committee on Internal Security.
- Res. 522 (Comm.)** Reaffirms support for the CIA and FBI.
- Res. 523 (Comm.)** Opposes legislation granting general amnesty to illegal aliens.
- Res. 301 (Ind.)** Creates an official citation for display of the flag.
- Res. 3 (Va.)** Recommends Pledge of Allegiance at all public celebrations during 1986, the Year of the Flag.
- Res. 525 (Comm.)** Calls on Congress to restore patriotic holidays to traditional dates.
- Res. 9 (Fla.)** Supports legislation designating "I Am An American Day" during October.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Eugene V. Lindquist (Minn.), Chairman

- Res. 504 (Comm.)** Urges support for groups that work to curb teen pregnancies and related suicides.
- Res. 505 (Comm.)** Urges the President and Congress to support drug-trafficking prevention programs.
- Res. 506 (Comm.)** Urges the President and Congress to establish "National Family Week" in November.
- Res. 507 (Comm.)** Urges increases in federal and state funding for school nutrition programs.
- Res. 508 (Comm.)** Reaffirms support for communicable disease vaccinations, including use of federal funds to immunize indigent children.
- Res. 509 (Comm.)** Calls for enforcement of federal laws against pornography.
- Res. 510 (Comm.)** Reaffirms support for government assistance to families of children with catastrophic illnesses.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Herman G. Harrington (N.Y.), Chairman

- Res. 336 (Minn.)** Calls for review of the national Paid-Up-For-Life program.
- Res. 304 (Ind.)** Approves a study on stabilized liability insurance for American Legion youth programs.
- Res. 61 (N.D.)** Urges Congress to stabilize non-profit mail rates.

- Res. 21 (La.)** Approves a study of stabilized liability insurance for departments and posts.
- Res. 132 (Ill.)** Endorses federal funding for Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- Res. 34 (Utah)** Authorizes a study to determine the transfer of American Legion energy program.
- Res. 551 (Comm.)** Expresses appreciation to host department and Cincinnati for convention hospitality.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Roger A. Munson (Ohio), Chairman

- Res. 62 (N.D.)** Supports development of a strategic nuclear policy.
- Res. 114 (Va.)** Urges the administration and Congress to continue funding force structure improvements in C.I.
- Res. 149 (Mont.)** Urges the administration and Congress to support the national space program.
- Res. 150 (Mont.)** Urges the administration and Congress to reaffirm a strategy for peaceful and military use of space.
- Res. 204 (D.C.)** Calls on Congress to support the President's defense plan for FY '87-'91.



SOLEMN DUTY — Legionnaires prepare for action on the convention floor.

Res. 265 (Penn.) Urges the President and Congress to pursue the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Res. 287 (Neb.) Commends the DoD in curbing waste, fraud and abuse.

Res. 422 (Md.) Supports reorganization of the JCS with certain conditions.

Res. 452 (N.Y.) Supports presidential use of the War Powers Act.

Res. 268 (Penn.) Urges the procurement of C-17 aircraft.

Res. 429 (Md.) Supports modernization of the U.S. Air Force.

Res. 430 (Md.) Supports procurement of Peacekeeper and other missiles.

Res. 431 (Md.) Supports deployment of the B-1B bomber and advanced technology bomber.

Res. 432 (Md.) Supports production of 40 tactical fighter wings.

Res. 65 (N.D.) Urges the President and Congress to recognize the importance of civil defense and increase funds to FEMA.

Res. 153 (Mont.) Reaffirms opposition to the compulsory registration of firearms.

Res. 330 (Wis.) Endorses capital punishment for espionage in peacetime and wartime.

Res. 338 (Minn.) Calls for military forces to assist drug and immigration officials.

Res. 318 (Wash.) Urges modernization of U.S. merchant marine.

Res. 440 (Md.) Calls on DoD to prepare for utilization of the merchant marine fleet.

Res. 502 (Comm.) Opposes merger of CSX American Commercial Barge Lines, Inc.

Res. 503 (Comm.) Urges Congress to amend the Jones Act relating to passenger vessels.

Res. 18 (Ala.) Calls on Congress to fund chemical warfare defense research.

Res. 87 (Colo.) Supports case-by-case judicial determination for distribution of military retired pay in property settlements.

Res. 88 (Colo.) Supports maintained operation of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colo.

Res. 155 (Mont.) Supports elimination of Social Security offset from the annuities of survivors benefit plan.

Res. 266 (Penn.) Supports continued use of U.S. coal as energy source for military bases in Europe.

Res. 271 (Penn.) Supports legislation requiring DoD to inspect commercial aircraft and operating carriers that transport military people.

Res. 288 (Neb.) Recommends DoD and Congress monitor the effect of the new military retirement system.

Res. 289 (Neb.) Urges Congress to reconsider FY '86 COLA adjustment and to ensure inflation factors are included in future adjustments.

Res. 290 (Neb.) Supports retention of the military commissary system.

Res. 292 (Neb.) Urges Congress to continue funding the new GI bill.

Res. 293 (Neb.) Urges Congress to fund U.S. Army strategic mobility improvements.

Res. 294 (Neb.) Supports efforts of Army and Marine Corps to modernize land forces.

Res. 404 (Idaho) Supports legislation to continue CHAMPUS medical program after age 65.

Res. 423 (Md.) Supports Selective Service System.

Res. 424 (Md.) Supports military draft.

Res. 428 (Md.) Calls on Congress to restore and maintain military pay comparability and improve quality of life for service people.

Res. 441 (Md.) Encourages the Secretary of the Army to use the ARAPAHO system.

Res. 454 (N.Y.) Calls on Congress to support total force policy.

Res. 384 (Comm.) Urges the administration and Congress to support Bradley Fighting Vehicle and fund its improvements.

Res. 436 (Md.) Calls on the Navy to acquire reserve mobile van AMCM support units.

Res. 437 (Md.) Calls for Marine V/STOL aircraft platforms.

Res. 443 (Md.) Calls for the employment of the ARAPAHO prototype system in the Naval Reserves.

Res. 499 (Comm.) Calls on the President and Congress to modernize the U.S. Coast Guard.

Res. 500 (Comm.) Supports modernization of the U.S. Navy.

ECONOMICS

Bruce Thiesen (Calif.), Chairman

Res. 10 (Fla.) Supports legislation to establish regional veterans employment representative positions.

Res. 118 (N.C.) Urges changes in the decision-making process within the DoL as it affects veterans.

Res. 286 (Neb.) Requests adequate funding for Veterans' Employment and Training Service and State Employment Service agencies.

Res. 476 (Calif.) Urges Congress to fund veterans employment training programs by at least \$60 million a year.

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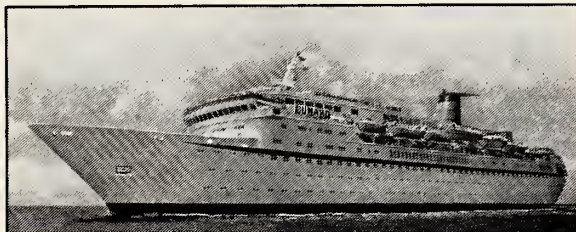
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RESOLUTIONS

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- Res. 160** (Ark.) Urges Congress to amend law and give veterans priority for DoL-funded job placement and training programs.
- Res. 334** (Utah) Urges DoL to require state employment services to develop uniform, explicit veterans' preference standards.
- Res. 41** (Utah) Urges Congress to establish criteria for assignment of local veterans employment representatives.
- Res. 230** (Okla.) Opposes any weakening of the Employment Service.
- Res. 181** (Mass.) Calls on DoL to enforce affirmative action with federal contractors.
- Res. 391** (Tex.) Supports reauthorization of VJTA.
- Res. 15** (S.D.) Opposes discrimination in hiring of National Guard or Reserve members.
- Res. 93** (Colo.) Commits The American Legion to participate in programs to assist homeless veterans.
- Res. 351** (Iowa) Opposes abolishment of Presidential Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.
- Res. 137** (Ill.) Supports inclusion of apprenticeships and OJT in new GI bill.
- Res. 329** (Wis.) Calls for legislation to target dislocated workers who are veterans.
- Res. 253** (Mich.) Supports veterans preference in federal employment.
- Res. 220** (Okla.) Seeks legislation to require veterans preference for temporary appointments to federal jobs.
- Res. 333** (Wis.) Supports use of special hiring authorities by federal agencies to benefit eligible veterans.
- Res. 178** (Mass.) Supports continuation of SBA and its office of veterans affairs.
- Res. 467** (Calif.) Supports VA home loan guaranty program; opposes imposition of user fees; supports exemption of VA home loan credit limits from Gramm-Rudman.
- Res. 511** (Comm.) Calls for legislation to remove VA requirement that veterans must get release from liability statement when purchaser assumes VA loan.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

M. "Doc" Simon (Vt.), Chairman

- Res. 54** (Vt.) Urges highest priority in fight against terrorism, and urges media restraint in covering terrorist acts.
- Res. 417** (Md.) Supports continuation of foreign aid.
- Res. 418** (Md.) Supports aid to freedom fighters opposing communism.
- Res. 526** (Comm.) Urges the President and Congress to re-establish bipartisan consensus on foreign policy.
- Res. 527** (Comm.) Urges Congress to fund the National Endowment for Democracy.
- Res. 528** (Comm.) Urges effective, efficient U.N. operations; seeks elimination of espionage operations at the U.N.
- Res. 529** (Comm.) Urges U.S. government to seek a halt to nuclear arms proliferation.
- Res. 530** (Comm.) Supports administration's opposition to signing Law of the Sea Treaty.
- Res. 531** (Comm.) Advocates U.S. operation of information programs to give objective news to other nations.
- Res. 532** (Comm.) Supports use of Presidential War Powers; recommends expeditious reporting of such uses.
- Res. 308** (Ind.) Supports military and humanitarian aid to UNITA movement in Angola.
- Res. 311** (Ind.) States Legion policy on independence for Namibia.
- Res. 104** (Va.) Supports aid to modernize Turkish armed forces.
- Res. 105** (Va.) Urges improvement of conventional forces committed to NATO.
- Res. 107** (Va.) Calls on American people to continue to resist Soviet imperialism.
- Res. 108** (Va.) Urges the President and Congress to strengthen controls on transfers of technology to communist countries.
- Res. 110** (Va.) States Legion policy on nuclear arms control.
- Res. 245** (Canada) Supports 'free trade negotiations' with Canada.
- Res. 95** (Alaska) Urges U.S. government to refrain from supplying advanced military technology and equipment to communist China.
- Res. 96** (Alaska) Urges U.S. government to maintain plans to use military bases in Taiwan and to recognize the sovereignty of the Republic of China.
- Res. 97** (Alaska) Urges the sale of F-20 fighter aircraft, Harpoon missiles and other weapons to Republic of China.
- Res. 98** (Alaska) Calls for providing modern weapons to South Korea.

- Res. 106** (Va.) Opposes U.S. granting financial assistance or diplomatic recognition to Vietnam in exchange for information on POW/MIAs.
- Res. 354** (Iowa) Recognizes progress in accounting for POW/MIAs; rejects private forays; urges U.S. to keep POW/MIAs a high priority.
- Res. 355** (Iowa) Urges accounting of POW/MIAs in Korea.
- Res. 356** (Iowa) Praises increased efforts by departments for POW/MIAs.
- Res. 411** (Md.) Calls on government to encourage Japan to contribute more to its own defense; to develop equitable trade between the two nations.
- Res. 533** (Comm.) Urges the U.S. to provide military aid, but not manpower, to non-communist Cambodian resistance; aid for refugees.
- Res. 534** (Comm.) Urges policies in Philippines to continue use of military bases, strengthen democracy, promote economic development.
- Res. 51** (Vt.) Urges Congress to fund the Jackson Plan on Central America.
- Res. 53** (Vt.) Urges support of freedom fighters in Nicaragua.
- Res. 279** (Mexico) Urges U.S. to increase emphasis on U.S.-Mexican cooperative endeavors.
- Res. 409** (Md.) Supports adequate foreign aid to El Salvador.
- Res. 451** (N.Y.) Opposes Cuban export of revolution.
- Res. 535** (Comm.) Asks U.S. to foster harmonious relations with Brazil.
- Res. 536** (Comm.) Urges support for Caribbean Basin Initiative.
- Res. 537** (Comm.) Urges adequate foreign aid to Costa Rica.
- Res. 538** (Comm.) Urges adequate foreign aid to Guatemala.
- Res. 539** (Comm.) Urges adequate foreign aid to Honduras.
- Res. 540** (Comm.) Calls for U.S. to adopt Latin American policy stressing development of stable, prosperous free societies.
- Res. 541** (Comm.) Calls for appointment of a bipartisan presidential commission to study U.S.-Mexican relations.
- Res. 52** (Vt.) Calls on U.S. to combat Libyan terrorism.
- Res. 542** (Comm.) Urges Free World nations to assist Afghan refugees and freedom fighters.
- Res. 543** (Comm.) Calls for a comprehensive Middle East policy.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

W. F. Lenker (S.D.), Chairman

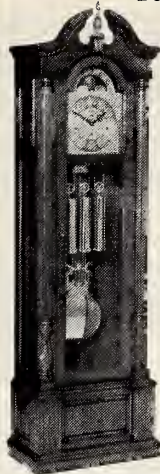
- Res. 66** (N.D.) Urges the President and Congress to fully fund all veterans programs.
- Res. 67** (N.D.) Urges Congress to provide sufficient VA health care facilities for treatment and care of non-service-connected disabilities.
- Res. 68** (N.D.) Opposes recommendations of Presidential Task Force that would diminish veterans benefits or hospital care.
- Res. 126** (N.C.) Urges the VA to develop a comprehensive health-care program for the aging veteran.
- Res. 140** (Ill.) Opposes legislation to authorize Judicial Review of decisions of the VA administrator.
- Res. 162** (Ark.) Opposes proposals for further reductions in veterans benefit programs.
- Res. 189** (Mass.) Opposes reorganization plans to transfer jurisdiction of veterans benefits and service programs from the VA.
- Res. 194** (Mass.) Urges Congress to assign high priority to alcohol and drug treatment/rehabilitation programs in VA funding.
- Res. 331** (Wis.) States American Legion policy on presumptive disabilities of former POWs.
- Res. 332** (Wis.) Opposes designation of "veteran" for anyone who did not serve in active military, naval or air services.
- Res. 342** (Minn.) Supports retention of VA Regional Insurance Center at St. Paul, Minn.
- Res. 358** (Iowa) States American Legion policy on co-location of VA facilities.
- Res. 365** (Iowa) Opposes further curtailment of VA health-care benefits.
- Res. 368** (Iowa) States American Legion policy on Agent Orange.
- Res. 369** (Iowa) States American Legion policy on exposure to ionizing radiation.
- Res. 372** (Iowa) Opposes consolidation or centralization of VA regional offices.
- Res. 484** (Calif.) Urges Congress to adequately fund VA health-care construction program.
- Res. 487** (Calif.) Supports legislation to make the VA an executive department.
- Res. 489** (Calif.) Urges that veterans compensation, pensions and readjustment allowances be considered rights, not benefits.
- Res. 494** (Calif.) States American Legion policy on "mainstreaming" medical services to veterans.
- Res. 544** (Comm.) Opposes granting a federal charter to the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

- Res. 545 (Comm.)** Supports benefits for Canadian veterans of U.S. armed forces residing in Canada.
- Res. 29 (Philippines)** Supports legislation to restore the grants-in-aid program and nursing home care to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in the Philippines.
- Res. 70 (N.D.)** Urges that radiation exposure cases be entitled to medical treatment on a presumptive basis.
- Res. 190 (Mass.)** Opposes closing the VA outpatient clinic in New Bedford, Mass.
- Res. 195 (Mass.)** Supports an annual review and revision of reimbursement rates the VA pays for care provided veterans in state veterans homes.
- Res. 240 (Okla.)** Supports legislation for the VA to honor prescriptions written by non-VA physicians for veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities.
- Res. 360 (Iowa)** Continues opposition to Means Test and to Third-Party Reimbursement.
- Res. 364 (Iowa)** Supports legislation to allow a tax credit for expenses incurred in the care of elderly veterans.
- Res. 370 (Iowa)** Opposes executive order or procedures that would provide treatment to non-veterans in VA medical care facilities.
- Res. 371 (Iowa)** Requests a study on the use of resource allocation methodology in VA medical care program.
- Res. 374 (Iowa)** Supports legislation to provide full dental care to certain disabled veterans.
- Res. 379 (S.C.)** Supports legislation to provide outpatient VA dental services and treatment to WWI veterans.
- Res. 490 (Calif.)** Urges Congress to authorize adequate funding for VA medical research programs.
- Res. 546 (Comm.)** Insists on strict interpretation of provisions of P.L. 99-272 relating to entitlement to medical care.
- Res. 547 (Comm.)** Supports legislation to provide medical care for service-connected disabilities of non-citizen U.S. veterans residing abroad.
- Res. 548 (Comm.)** Supports legislation to remove termination date of the Vet Center program.
- Res. 549 (Comm.)** Opposes VA Dept. of Medicine and Surgery contracting out services essential for quality medical care to eligible veterans.
- Res. 196 (Mass.)** States American Legion policy on improving the national cemetery system, and death and burial benefits for veterans.
- Res. 69 (N.D.)** Sponsors legislation to amend the Veterans and Survivors Pension Improvement Act of 1978 to improve disability and death pensions.
- Res. 72 (N.D.)** Supports legislation to increase disability compensation.
- Res. 191 (Mass.)** Sponsors legislation to increase pensions for certain veterans in domiciliary, hospital or nursing care.
- Res. 192 (Mass.)** Sponsors legislation to provide payment of a clothing allowance to veterans with certain skin conditions.
- Res. 193 (Mass.)** Sponsors legislation to exclude compensation paid in incentive therapy programs as income for pension purposes.
- Res. 366 (Iowa)** Opposes any attempts to amend the eligibility criteria of the plot allowance for veterans.
- Res. 367 (Iowa)** Urges the President, VA and Congress to reverse personnel reductions in the Veterans Benefits Department.
- Res. 373 (Iowa)** Opposes taxing compensation payments paid by VA to service-connected disabled veterans.
- Res. 485 (Calif.)** Supports legislation to remove the restriction against receiving Armed Forces pay concurrently with VA compensation.
- Res. 486 (Calif.)** Sponsors legislation to provide special pension programs for WWI veterans.
- Res. 488 (Calif.)** Opposes proposals to reduce the payment of federal benefits by offsetting VA compensation payments to service-connected disabled veterans.
- Res. 491 (Calif.)** Sponsors legislation to include the loss of one lung or one kidney to the list of anatomical loss or loss of use disabilities.
- Res. 492 (Calif.)** Supports legislation to increase the monthly rates of dependency and indemnity compensation.
- Res. 493 (Calif.)** Supports legislation to waive the one-year presumptive period and one year limit on retroactive compensation payments for Agent Orange disabilities.
- Res. 496 (Calif.)** Sponsors legislation to restore the payment of burial allowances for all veterans and to increase the burial allowance to \$400.
- Res. 497 (Calif.)** Sponsors legislation to increase the present burial plot allowance for veterans to \$250.
- Res. 498 (Calif.)** Sponsors legislation to provide service connection for Lupus Erythematosus under certain conditions.
- Res. 550 (Comm.)** Supports legislation to provide protection for a disability rated at or above a certain evaluation for 10 or more years.
- Res. 495 (Calif.)** Supports legislation to increase allowances in education and training.

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INTERVIEW

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Q. You were Chairman of the Joint Chiefs during the final years of the Vietnam War. What is the main lesson we should learn from that terrible experience?

A. Civilians under our policy of civilian control, which I fully support, should tell the military *what* to do but not *how* to do it. When Gen. MacArthur began the Philippine campaign, I remember seeing the order which said simply, "Seize the Philippines." And he did! Today, you need four or five stacks of paper to issue instructions the way we received them during the Vietnam War. There is too much control from Washington.

Furthermore, I think that we should not get into a war where we let young American boys die when we have the technology to make that unnecessary. The North Vietnamese were getting over 90 percent of their supplies by sea through Haiphong Harbor, yet it took eight years to get permission to mine it.

There were all kinds of restraints on our air action; we let the Chinese send supply trawlers through the American fleet to kill American boys, and never touched them, which I thought was just insane; and we let the North Vietnamese come down into Cambodia, line themselves up on the border, penetrate into South Vietnam, kill a lot of Americans, then run back across the border and sit down and have a smoke. And we were not allowed to follow them until April 1970.

Q. Haven't you said that we did not lose the Vietnam War militarily, but politically?

A. Of course. It was crazy to permit a little country that has fewer people than two counties in one state of the United States to kill 55,000 of our boys, destroy our self-confidence and our worldwide image, drag out a war for years and make our allies think that the United States was a paper tiger.

Meanwhile, at home we were in a state of near-anarchy. We had people pouring pig's blood on the steps of the Pentagon, lying down on Constitution Avenue so all traffic stopped and people could not get to work, and throwing rocks through the Justice Department building.

We were in terrible shape because of that war, which should have been won in less than a year.

Q. Do you see any real danger of the Soviets launching a pre-emptive nuclear 'first strike' against the United States?

A. We are not going to look up some day and see missiles falling on Washington. Neither do I think the Soviets are going to charge pell-mell across Western Europe. The Soviets are interested in acquiring all of the industrial capability of Western Europe—but, they are going to resist any kind of operation that requires that they break it all up with bombs and artillery fire. They are going to bore from within by spreading disinformation and propaganda throughout Western Europe, no less than right here.

When I say that I don't think they are going to attack, I am not saying that we should not buy any missiles. The reason they are not going to do it is because we have the missiles. As long as we maintain a modern nuclear force with a survivable command and control system, they are not going to launch a first strike.

Q. How crucial is action on the President's SDI or Star Wars plan?

A. It is absolutely vital that we move ahead. It would be dangerous to agree to any kind of technological restraint. I believe that technology can never be stopped—and that SDI *can* be produced. The value of SDI at the outset will be to cast a seed of doubt in the minds of the Soviets so they cannot succeed in a pre-emptive strike, once we get the SDI deployed.

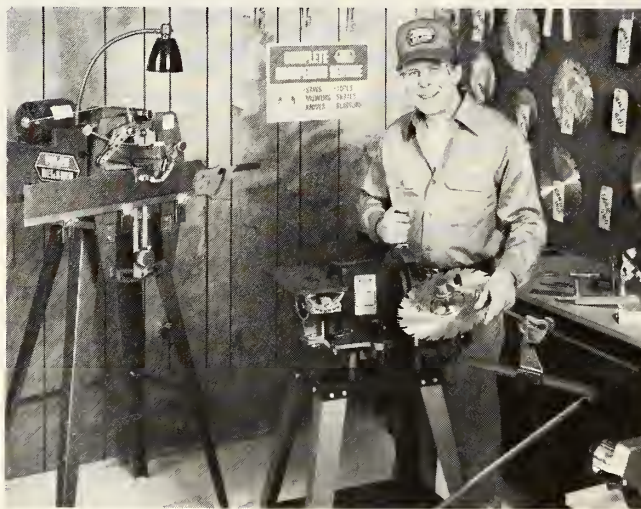
Q. What is the foremost change you feel has occurred in terms of real meaning to America and our future?

A. The biggest change I have noticed is in the attitudes of the American people. People used to be more concerned about our country than they are today. Now, people appear to be more concerned about what's in it for them. The net effect is to generate in Congress a large group of special interests that carries the weight to swing votes in elections and makes it difficult to get sound or timely action on such issues as the budget.

Also, there is a significant change in morality on issues of what is right and what is wrong. Today there is far more attention given to the criminal than to the victim. In the old days there was no such nonsense; when a man was guilty of a crime, sociologists would not spend a lot of time deciding whether his parents treated him properly. Standards and the sense of values have changed, and I am afraid it's for the worse. ☐

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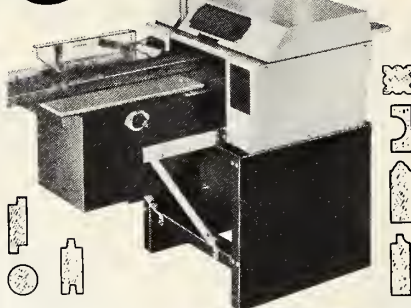
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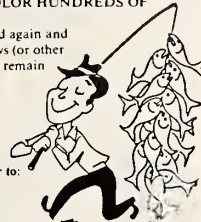
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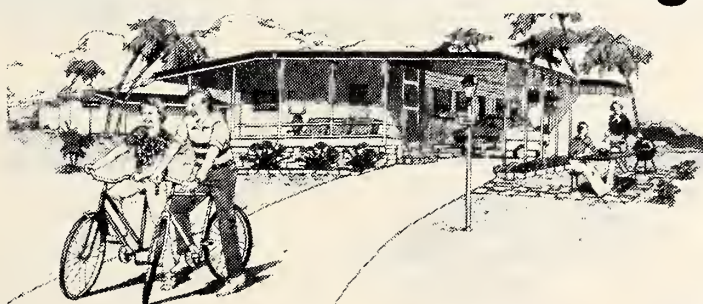
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U.S. MILITARY

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Aspin has no illusions about what's involved here; achieving all this, he admitted, would require a "sea change" in the way the Pentagon operates, and power struggles are inevitable.

The most vocal disappointment may come from the Navy. Since the advent of the nuclear age, America's seagoing forces have enjoyed an unusual amount of independence because of the remote locations and often covert manner in which they operate. Many submarine commanders, for example, are all but cut off from the normal chain of command, and thus are given considerable leeway in times of crisis. Aspin's reforms strive to put all forces on an equal (and equally accountable) footing, and so would erode some of the Navy's special status.

Still, Aspin said he felt that some version of his committee's bill is destined to wend its way through House-Senate conferences and eventually become law. That accomplished, he said its reforms could begin to take affect quickly.

All of which, he noted, is fully in keeping with the goals established by the Packard Commission in its June, 1986 final report to the administration. Wrote the commission:

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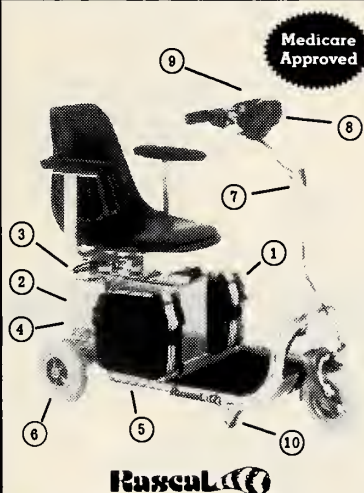
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CRIME

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had used marijuana by 1982. Karst J. Besteman, executive director of the Alcohol and Drug Problems Association of North America, added that "Now kids start smoking at age 13 and don't trail off until they're 25 or 26... And the marijuana they're smoking today is several times more powerful than in the '70s."

Marijuana seems now outdistanced by use of cocaine, particularly in a potent and popular form called "crack." The drug was widely publicized in the summer of 1986 in connection with the deaths of several prominent athletes as a result of cocaine intoxication. President Reagan, speaking forcefully against "crack," said, "We will no longer tolerate the use of illegal drugs by anyone." Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill asserted that "Drug abuse is no longer a problem for a few localities... It has spread like wildfire to become not only a tragic national menace, but also a threat to our domestic peace and security."

The drug problem is intimately related to the crime problem. Some 90 percent of the drugs are smuggled into the United States and illegally distributed from secret caches and open street corners at huge profits. Young urban adults may spend \$500 a week on drugs. Total U.S. drug traffic involves billions of dollars, and money of that magnitude inevitably involves organized crime. While drug usage may not be criminal, users often resort to robbery, larceny and other crimes to pay for their costly habit. At least half the crimes in the United States may involve drugs.

The complexities of the crime problem are great, but one conclusion is that the war on crime cannot be won until the drug problem is solved. □

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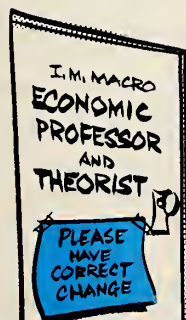


It's totally appropriate that the political campaign season coincides with the football season. There's enough hot air in some campaigns to blow up every football in America.

What voters really need is an obedience school for candidates who get elected.

We're really living in an automated society. Have you ever noticed that when a traffic signal turns green, it automatically activates the horn of the car behind you?

I grew up in a large family during the Depression and things were much different then. Kids today worry about which clothes to wear to school. I used to worry about *whose*.



If you offer an economist a penny for his thoughts, that's pretty fair value.

My parents didn't kid around. If I put a tooth under my pillow at night, the next morning I'd find a bill from the dentist. It was left by the Reality Fairy.

The main reason I'm for tax reform is "bracket creep." We've got to do something about the creeps who have put us into higher brackets.

We take our freedoms for granted. Maybe more people would turn out if elections were advertised: *Vote while the supply lasts!*



Every fall I look forward to seeing millions of yellow, orange, red and gold objects falling to the ground. They're called football players.

I'm an optimist. I'm just glad things are good enough here that illegal aliens want to get in.

I don't mind a college that emphasizes sports, but when reading is an extra-curricular activity . . .

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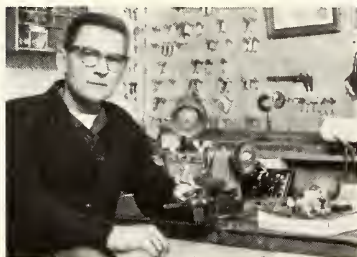
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MEDIA LEAKS

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Just last April, CIA Director William Casey lectured newspaper editors anew on both the need for and the dangers of anonymous sources.

Casey admitted that editors have shown restraint in publishing much information that he and other security people have considered sensitive. However, Howard Simon, curator of the Nieman Foundation, in rebuttal to Casey's general argument, pointedly noted that no American editor or reporter "has ever been prosecuted for espionage."

What often gets obscured in such arguments is that leaking is a two-way street. Officials routinely use leaks in one way or another to try to manage public attitudes and actions. In casual conversations, off-the-record talks, background briefings and other inventive ways, sources with special information diligently work overtime to "educate" both reporters and their audiences.

Only a small fraction of the information leaked ever sees the light of day; most reporters are bright enough to know when they're being "used," which is death for professional journalists. If they cannot confirm the substance of a leak in some fashion, it's usually filed and forgotten, along with the source.

Officials resort to leaks generally because they do not want to be identified with disclosure of information, sometimes because the "objectivity" of the press is thought to be more credible to the public than the authority of government. Reporters listen and pay heed to anonymous sources because they get instructive, newsy peeks behind the flat, uncommunicative face of bureaucracy. In this peculiar wedding of interests, the public often benefits because it, too, gets an inside look at the actual workings and attitudes of its government.

Leaks can be troublesome in a free society but the alternative is a closed society where there are no leaks and never a need for "plumbers." Could you imagine, for example, any American administration having the temerity the Soviets had when they announced the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, obviously without fear of complaint or contradiction?

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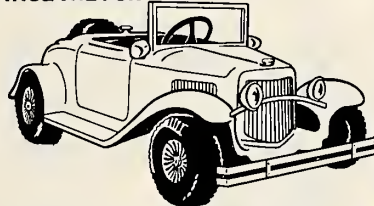
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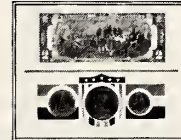
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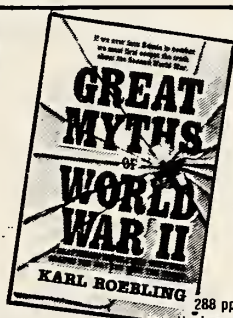
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—Kenneth Hall

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I'm The Busiest

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Staging Repairs

Garage mechanic to apprentice: "The first lesson is to lift the hood and stare at the engine in disbelief."

—Homer Phillips

Age Spot

You're getting old when your back goes out more than you do.

—Mary Eyged

Buried Identity

A very grimy little boy came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I?"

Ready for the game, his mother replied, "Are you Tarzan?"

"Wow!" said the child. "Mrs. Jones was right! She said I was so dirty my own mother couldn't recognize me!"

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Definition

Stucco: What a lot of people get when they buy a house.

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The game among the four cardsharps was tense. Suddenly, the dealer tossed his cards down and announced, "This game is crooked!"

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Sign on the road in a small town: "Drive Slow. No Hospital."

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Coat Price	\$
Hat \$6.95	\$
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TOTAL	\$

☐ Payment enclosed
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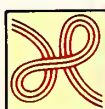
Small 34-36	Medium 38-40
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